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"RENTS NOT HIGH ENOUGH."

MR. HENRY HUMPHREYS' VIEWS.

THE SUB-LETTING EVIL.

Very interesting views on the burning topic of local rent restriction, and the question of renewing the present protective Ordinance, were expressed by Mr. Henry Humphreys, the head of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., to a *Telegraph* representative who interviewed him on the subject this morning. Mr. Humphreys declared himself to be emphatically in favour of the abolition of the existing Rents Ordinance, which he characterized as most unfair to landlords. He considered the present dwelling accommodation in the Colony ample except in a few favourite spots.

When our representative asked whether he thought the Rents Ordinance should not be renewed, Mr. Humphreys replied that he was most decidedly of that opinion. "It is a shameful thing it was ever introduced in its present form," he said. "All the safeguards of the Home Act against sub-letting and profiteering by tenants on 'furnished' flats were, for some reason known only to the Government, carefully deleted. It has done more harm than good, and the sooner it is abolished the better."

Continuing, he said the public liked to call landlords extortionate, but the Ordinance had given rise to an even more extortionate system—that of sub-letting at big profits. "We landlords don't even know who our tenants are," he declared. "Our houses are passed on from one to another without our knowledge or authority. A tenant takes a flat, say, at a moderate rent, sticks some furniture in it, and lets it to someone at a profit of 60 per cent. or more."

"Do you consider, then, that the restriction Ordinance has done no good at all?"

"It has done a great deal of harm. Here is one effect—when the Government brought in the Ordinance, landlords—particularly Chinese landlords—pulled down houses and built new ones in their place, so that the premises should not come within the provisions of the Ordinance."

"Do you think, then, that rents are not excessive?" asked our representative.

"I think they are in most cases not high enough," Mr. Humphreys replied. "There is hardly a fair return when one considers the present high cost of building."

Mr. Humphreys continued that he thought at least 8 per cent. exclusive of insurance, repairs, and general administrative charges, would be a fair return on property. "If one raises money on a mortgage one has to pay 7½ per cent., leaving a margin of only one half of one per cent."

"Do you consider, then, that there is ample accommodation?"

"It might be scarce in certain favoured spots—such as May Road and parts of the Peak—otherwise there are houses and flats to be had, especially in Kowloon, and outlying districts, both Chinese and European."

"Would rents be likely to soar in the event of the Ordinance ceasing to operate, do you think?"

"They might in some of the favoured spots," Mr. Humphreys replied. "Otherwise, he was of opinion that a rise on the present rates would, on the whole, be justified. He pointed out that the housing problem was not acute in Shanghai, for example. There they had no rent restriction. They also had not the Hongkong landlord's problems, such as typhoons and white ants. "There is an old saying," added Mr. Humphreys, "that 'fools build houses and wise men live in them.' That is not far wrong."

"Then, to sum up, you consider there is not likely to be any house shortage or excessive rents were restriction to be removed?"

"Generally speaking, there is no house shortage, except in favoured districts. A certain rise in rents in these districts would be justified, as some of the flats and houses do not yield a return of 7 per cent. Concluding, Mr. Humphreys mentioned, as an instance of the easier housing situation, that he had been enquiring some time ago for flats at North Point, for Watson's Chinese staff, and had been quoted very high prices, but now he could obtain premises easily, both old and new, in that district, at quite reasonable rents."

16 HOUSES BURNT.

BLAZE ON LAMMA ISLAND.

News has been received of a disastrous fire which broke out in the village of Yeungshuiwan, on Lamma Island.

At 3 p.m. on Wednesday, one of the houses was seen to be ablaze, probably from some hay, which was stored inside, catching fire. A high wind fanned the flames over the village, and in a very short space of time the whole place was involved. Sixteen houses were razed to the ground.

The loss has not yet been estimated. A report of the incident was received by the Water Police yesterday.

POPULAR PIANIST

DEATH OF MR. JACK BENNETTS.

It is with the utmost regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Jack Bennetts, the popular pianist and soloist of the Madeline Rosier Company, which took place at the French Convent Hospital at nine o'clock this morning.

The late Mr. Bennetts was an extremely cheery personality, and during the two performances in which he appeared in Hongkong he won immense favour for his undoubted skill. After the second performance, he was taken seriously ill with an affection of the heart and had to be removed to hospital, where he has since remained. Serious as his illness was, he was bright and cheery to the last. He leaves a wife and children in London, for whom the utmost sympathy will be felt, and in whose aid a special matinee performance will be given when the Company returns from the North.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at five o'clock.

OUR NEW G. O. C.

ARRIVAL OF MAJOR-GENERAL LUARD.

The new General Officer Commanding the troops in China, Major-General C. C. Luard, who is to succeed Sir John Fowler, arrived in Hongkong this morning, with Mrs. Luard, on the P. and O. s.s. *Malwa* from Home.

Major-General Charles Camac Luard, C. B., C.M.G., is a member of an old naval and military family. He passed his preliminary service from 1885 to 1916 in the Durham Light Infantry, and later in the Indian Army. His first active service was in the Ziboh Valley Expedition, 1891-92, when he was Assistant-Superintendent of Signaling, followed by service in the South African War, 1900-02, when he commanded the Burma Mounted Infantry with much success (mentioned in despatches), promoted by *vo-m-jir*, Queen's medal with four clasps and King's medal with two clasps.

In the late war he saw much varied service on the staff, and as a brigade commander against the Swatis and Mohmands and other tribesmen of the North West Frontier, who, at the instigation of German agents, were giving a lot of trouble, and also the turbulent Mahadis, one of the most treacherous and bloodthirsty of the hill tribes, and in the closing phases of the war he commanded a brigade in Mesopotamia (mentioned in despatches three times, 1914-15). Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, C.B. and C.M.G.). He was promoted Major-General on New Year's Day of 1923.

ANOTHER CUP REPLAY.

London, Feb. 5. In a Cup replay, Leicester beat Newcastle by one goal to nil. *Reuter*.

CANTON WAR.

BATTLE PROCEEDING.

SEVERAL DISTRICTS INVOLVED.

Latest news from Canton shows that the fighting between the forces of the Canton Government and those of the Central Chan King-ming is proceeding, but reports are conflicting regarding the outcome of the operations. In some quarters it is stated that Chan's troops have been forced to retreat from the Shoklung district, but this move is said to be strategic in character, forming part of a large scheme in which attacks on the North River and from Wuchow will play an important part.

SUCCESS FOR CHAN?

Yesterday afternoon it was reported that the centre of General Chan's forces had driven the enemy before them and reached a position only 32 li (10 miles) away from Canton. As neither of the wings of the contending forces has gained any decisive advantage, this means that the attacking force at present is formed more or less like a wedge which would appear to be threatening the heart of the city of Canton.

That the Canton Government forces must either be expecting an attack from the rear, or that they will perhaps attempt to surround the forces of their enemy, is plainly indicated by the fact that for the past three days they have been very busy transporting troops and artillery from their depot at Whampoa to Bocca Tigris Island. These forces have been sent down by passenger junks towed by tugs, by transport steamers, and even by cruisers as well, as plainly seen by all the river steamers that have had to pass this locality daily.

Later news says that on Wednesday, 240 wounded men and four dead officers were brought in to Canton from the battlefield in trucks used as ambulances. The dead of the rank and file are to be buried on the battlefield.

What the losses of General Chan's forces are nobody knows as yet.

WOUNDED REACH CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent, writing under date of Wednesday, says:—The forces defending Canton have managed to keep their opponents at a distance. Fighting has taken place to the east of the city, and groups of wounded soldiers have been brought into Tai Sha Tau from the Shoklung district. Fighting has also taken place to the north of the city. Rumour also reports that forces that will fight for Chan King-ming are coming from Wuchow, and then the Canton army will be between the nut crackers.

The movements of the troops in Canton suggests a battle of Chevy Chase, for trainloads have been rushed out to the eastern front, while others from the eastern front are brought back and rushed out to the Northern and Western front. It is reported that trenches to the east of Canton have been abandoned as the attack has developed in an unexpected position.

The Russians living at Tungshan, who have had a good deal to do with the military in the city, and who ought to know whether the prospects are favourable or not for the Canton Army, are showing signs of uneasiness, and rumour says they are preparing to leave Canton.

Meanwhile the city is carrying on business as usual, and the people apparently take little interest in the war. Once or twice a day a motor car drives along the streets scattering leaflets giving the latest information, but the people take the news, whatever it may be, as of little or no importance.

THE WUCHOW FRONT.

Our Wuchow correspondent, writing under date of yesterday, says:—The Yunnan forces, who for the last weeks have been steadily drawing nearer towards Wuchow, have now amalgamated with General Luk Wing-tung and General Chum's forces and joined in on the general attack upon the forces of General Li Chun-wan and General Wong Shui-hung, whose armies are at present doing their utmost in order to save the Sun Yat-sen cause.

NEW SCHEME.

FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

(Special "Telegraph" Service).

London, Feb. 5.

Mr. John Todd, a prominent official of the City of London, has unfolded to the Press a scheme to make St. Paul's Cathedral safe for a thousand years. He says that no repair of the existing piers would suffice, and that if the dome were taken down, it could never be put back again, with the result that all the glamour attached to the work of Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect, would have vanished.

He suggests a scheme for temporarily holding the dome in its present position, taking down the piers and rebuilding them, and then moving the temporary superstructure and gently lowering the whole dome something like a 3,000th-part of an inch on to the new piers. This would save Wren's building, just as he built it, with the exception that the dome would be 3,000th of an inch lower in position than it now is.

Whether the Cathedral authorities will agree to the scheme is, however, very doubtful, as their committee of experts have only recently expressed the opinion that the safety of the Cathedral can be secured by repairing the piers, and that any attempt to remove the piers from beneath the dome would be disastrous.

LINE BLOCKED.

HOME RAILWAY DELAYS.

(Special "Telegraph" Service).

London, Feb. 5.

The main railway line from London to Folkestone and Dover was completely blocked to-day by a landslide which occurred near Ashford.

The traffic had to be diverted by way of Canterbury, which entailed some delay.

RACE WEEK.

PUISNE JUDGE HAS WORK TO DO.

When it came to the fixing of a hearing date for a case pending in the Summary Court, to-day, Mr. Justice Gompertz enquired of the solicitors whether it was any good fixing it during Race Week.

He said that for the past 15 years he had been fixing cases for Race Week and then when it came to the hearing day solicitors said that they could not get their clients or that they did not want to appear themselves and so the cases had to be put over again.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ said he did not mind the case being fixed for the morning of a Race Day. He did not know whether his Lordship would like to take cases during Race Week.

Mr. Justice Gompertz:—I don't mind; I have a certain amount of work which must be got through.

The case was set down for trial on the morning of the 16th, his Lordship remarking to Mr. Russ:—"You must turn up, and your client must turn up. You have Counsel appearing and if your Counsel doesn't turn up, I shall go without him. Now we know where we are."

INDIAN POLITICS.

RAILWAYS INTERFERED WITH.

Delhi, Feb. 5. Despite the opposition of the Government, whose spokesman, Sir Charles Innes, pointed out that interference by the Assembly with details of the railway administration would mean the doom of the railways, the Assembly without a division has passed a resolution requesting the Central Railway Advisory Committee immediately to inquire into the grievances of subordinate officials working on the railways. *Reuter*.

MR. ASQUITH'S TITLE.

London, Feb. 5. Mr. Asquith's title is to be Earl of Oxford and Asquith. *Reuter*. [A special message received by us to-day indicates that the addition of the words "and Asquith" to the title is due to the possibility that claims might be made by persons who may trace connection with the ancient holders of the title "Earl of Oxford."

STILL HOPEFUL.

OPIMUM DELFGATE INTERVIEWED.

Geneva, Feb. 5. Interviewed by American journalists attending the opium conference, Lord Cecil refuted the idea that because Mr. Porter had not succeeded in carrying his point it signified a defeat.

Lord Cecil, interviewed by *Reuter*, referred to the helpfulness of American participation in the present negotiations. He was convinced of their sincerity.

Lord Cecil and the British delegation are returning to London on Sunday, and the work of the conference is consequently being pressed forward. It is hoped the drug convention will be ready by February 7th and will be proceeded with even should the Americans not be prepared to sign.

The position as regards prohibition of the use of prepared opium is unchanged. The joint committee of sixteen is to meet to-morrow to record their failure to reach an agreement with the American Government.

NOTED SHIPPING MAN.

VISIT OF SIR EDWARD RHODES.

A prominent personality in the shipping world has arrived here by the *S. and O. liner Malwa*, Sir Edward Rhodes, who is largely identified with shipping interests between England and India and the Far East. He is bound for Shanghai, but is breaking his journey here.

Sir Edward Rhodes was during 1917-18 the Chairman of the Board of Trade and Ministry of Shipping, Textile Exports Shipping Committee; is a member of the Directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, of which he was Vice President in 1922-23; is a member of the Council of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce, London; and holds other high appointments in shipping and commercial circles.

A liberal in politics, Sir Edward was Chairman of the Lancashire, Cheshire and High Peak of Derbyshire Coalition Liberal Council, was Chairman of the Manchester Reform Club in 1917, Treasurer in 1920 and Vice President in 1918-19.

SAMSHUI INCIDENT.

"SOLDIERS" AND PASSENGERS.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Samshui, Feb. 5. I reported a few days ago that several passengers off the river boats had been robbed and even murdered while going ashore in sampans, and that the Commissioner of Customs at this port, Mr. Dawson Grove, had tried to induce the river steamers to arrive only during daylight in order to try and minimise the danger.

I am now able to report a further development of this situation. Yesterday morning about 3 o'clock, a big cargo boat arrived alongside a certain river steamer which had just come into port. The cargo boat was partly manned by soldiers, or at least people dressed in soldiers' uniforms. They did not allow any sampans whatever to approach the river steamer, and stated to the passengers that they were going to take them ashore themselves in order to protect them.

The passengers, however, feared that this was only a ruse and that the real intention of the "soldiers" was to carry the whole lot of them away into captivity, and hold them all for ransom. They therefore prevailed upon the Customs officers to induce the Commissioner of Customs to detain the boat's departure until daylight. This procedure was followed, and the passengers were at last able to leave the steamer in safety.

Another question arises and that is whether the Commissioner intends to delay all the steamers' departures until daylight in order to save their passengers from further danger. This would seriously impede the steamer traffic on the West River, and it is thought that most of the steamship owners and agents would object to this proposal. It is known that several native merchants and others have asked the Canton Government to send a Chinese gunboat up to Samshui, but as the Government at present is known to have enough to do attending to its own affairs, it is feared that little or no benefit will be forthcoming for the long suffering population from this source.

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"SAND-LOADED BOMBS."

ALLEGATION AGAINST U.S. NAVY.

Washington, Feb. 5. During the discussion in the aircraft committee of the House of Representatives, the Democrat, Mr. McClinton, charged certain high Navy Department officials with deliberately trying to mislead the American people as regards the facts concerning the bombing of the battleship Washington.

Several days ago he charged the Navy with using sand-loaded bombs in the attack, and to-day he asserted he had been informed from the Navy Department that no explosive bombs were used, but they permitted the contrary impression to go out, so as "to lead Americans to believe the Washington could not be sunk from the air." *Reuter's American Service*.

ON TO SINGAPORE.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISERS SAIL.

Melbourne, Feb. 5. The cruisers Sydney and Brisbane, under the command of Rear Admiral Hall Thompson, have sailed for Singapore. *Reuter*.

HITS CHINESE.

PHILIPPINES BOOK-KEEPING LAW.

Manila, Feb. 6. The Philippine Supreme Court has ruled that the so-called book-keeping law is constitutional, thereby confirming the Legislature's discriminatory legislation of two years ago, aimed at Chinese retailers in the Philippines, many thousands of whom will be affected and will probably be forced to leave the islands unless the United States Supreme Court affords them relief.

The law was passed two years ago, contrary to the wishes of Governor Wood and provided that merchants' accounts must be kept in English, Spanish or a native dialect. *Reuter*.

Manila, Feb. 5. The Chinese merchants and the Chinese Consul-General protested and succeeded in postponing the enforcement of the Law until the Court had decided its legality.

Five Justices concurred and two dissented.

A few German and French houses may be affected, though the Chinese will be the principal sufferers.

The Law will require Chinese merchants to employ larger staffs of translators and accountants, and will incidentally furnish jobs for natives. *Daily Bulletin*.

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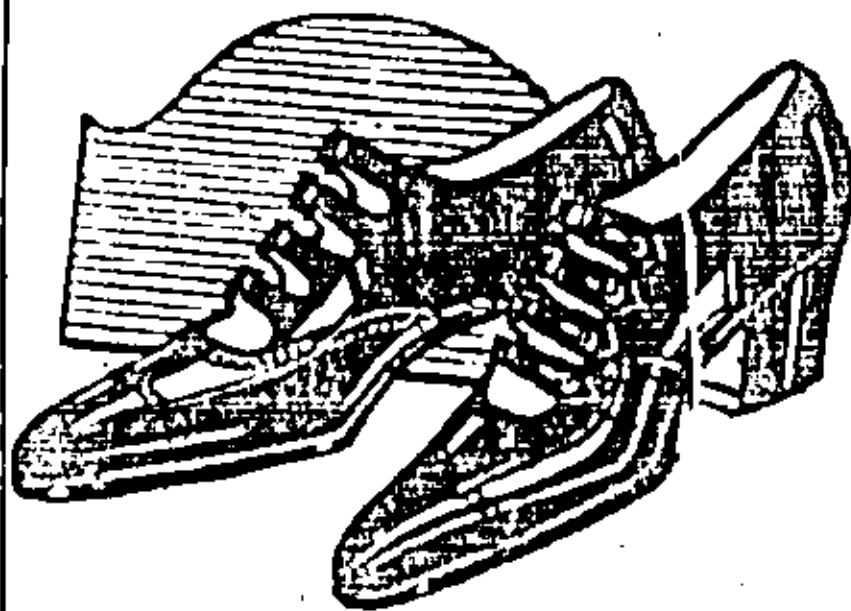
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HONGKONG WEDDING.**MECKLENBURGH-JAMESON.**

The little Peak Church was packed to capacity yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Phyllis Beatrice Jameson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Jameson, and niece of the late Mr. Percy Ogden of the British American Tobacco Co., of London, to Mr. Horace Leslie Mecklenburgh, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mecklenburgh of Bristol, England, manager of the B. A. T. Co., Swatow.

The bride, who arrived only two hours previous to the ceremony by a. s. p. train, was dressed in a gown of silver lace over a complete slip of silver tissue, with ostrich feather trimming and sprays of silver flowers at the waist. Her veil was of embroidered net with clusters of orange blossoms and a Russian headdress of sapphires and pearls. Her bouquet was of large white roses and maidenhair fern with white satin streamers.

The bridemaids were Miss Peggy Sim and Miss Eleanor Hegarty who were prettily attired in shell pink georgette with garlands of forget-me-nots, and who carried bouquets of pink roses. The train bearers were Miss June Perry and Master Pat Hegarty who both wore powder blue trimmed with shell pink.

The bride was given away by Mr. F. A. Perry, manager of the B. A. T. Co., Hongkong, Mr. F. A. Perry acting as Matron of Honour, wearing a dress of black satin with black fringe and embroidered in white, and black hat with aspreys. The Revd. Copley Moyle conducted the ceremony and Mr. Gilbert Travers acted as best man. Mr. Mason of the Cathedral was at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Perry at No. 300, The Peak where a large number of the bridegroom's friends attended and honoured the usual toasts. Among those present were, Mr. H. E. Parkinson, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Mayes, Miss Cornhill, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hawken, Mr. J. Fowler, Miss Haynes, Mr. J. H. Crutch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Syme Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hegarty, Mr. E. Haverkamp, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. and Mrs. Muntion, Captain G. Clark, Mr. D. E. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fraser Forbes, Mr. R. C. Wilson, Mr. W. E. Dickenson, Miss Yung, Mr. K. F. Kwan, Mr. Wang Po Nam, Mr. Wong Hin-sun. After the reception the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon which is to be spent at Repulse Bay, Canton and Macao. Mrs. Mecklenburgh wore a dress of cinnamon brown georgette with hat to match. Telegrams were received during the afternoon from the various B. A. T. branches wishing the newly married pair the best of luck and prosperity.

The wedding cake was supplied by Cafe Wiseman.

MOSS-MORTON.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated last Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Shanghai, when Mrs. Mary Jane Morton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Free, was married to Mr. Sidney Adrian Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Moss. The Rev. Father McDonald, s. s. c., performed the ceremony. The bride looked charming in a smart ensemble consisting of golden brown crepe marocain, with a bengaline coat of the same shade, trimmed with kolinsky, and a hat of grosgrain ribbon to match. She carried

CHINA'S SOCIAL PROBLEM.**COMMISSION VISITS HONGKONG.**

From time to time the social problems of Hongkong have attracted the attention of men from other places and full facilities have invariably been extended to the visitors for their investigations by officials and public bodies. On Wednesday there arrived from Canton several members of the Commission on Social Research, of Shanghai. The party first arrived here from Shanghai about a week ago and proceeded straight to Canton.

The party includes Professor J. B. Taylor, of the Peking University, Chairman of the Commission; Dr. Royal Meeker, formerly Commissioner of Labour Statistics in America in the late President Wilson's regime, and also Chief of Research of the International Labour Office; Dr. T. Chen, of Tsinghua College, Peking; and Mr. Gideon Chen, of the Industrial Committee of the National Christian Council.

A comparatively new organization, the Commission is a privately promoted enterprise free from political and religious connections and influences. We are informed that the Commission was formed for two reasons, the first of which is to probe the possibilities of social reform in China by sounding the opinion of the people of different provinces. Leaders of all public activities, such as educationalists, merchants, labourers, and particularly private individuals interested in the problem, will be approached so as to ascertain the general feeling of the people on the question of social reforms. The second step depends on the result of the first. If any reform is suggested the Commission will find out the particular evil of which reform is desirable. If the progress of the work is satisfactory, permanent societies will be established at various places to further the work. The Commission, according to its present constitution, is a purely scientific body. It is a Commission of Enquiry formed to gather data.

Since their arrival the visitors have called on Government officials, also public bodies and prominent residents. Yesterday they visited the Hongkong General and the Chinese General Chambers of Commerce and the Hon. Mr. H. H. Kowall, explaining the object of their mission and discussing the problem in Hongkong generally. The field of reform in the Colony was freely discussed, the Commission receiving much valuable information. All the people approached were favourably impressed with the laudatory aims of the Commission and promised their support as far as practicable. The Commission leaves to-day to resume its tour.

JAPAN'S CABINET.**NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE.**

Tokyo, February, 5.—Viscount Takahashi has been appointed acting Minister of Justice, vice Baron Yokota.—Reuter.

ten roses. Mrs. Roland S. Haskell attended as matron of honour. The bridegroom was attended by Dr. W. T. Findley as best man and Messrs. F. V. Chamberlin and C. S. Franklin acted as ushers. A reception, attended by many friends, was held at the Hotel Majestic and Mr. and Mrs. Moss left by the str. Cleveland for Manila and Baguio for a trip of six weeks.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF HONGKONG.**A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 1924.**

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was held in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's boardroom yesterday afternoon, the chairman, in his speech, commenting on the successful year they had enjoyed.

At the request of Mr. Ho Kom-tong, the retiring president, the chair was taken by Mr. J. A. Plummer who, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said they would see that the financial position of the Society was a very satisfactory one, and that they started this year with a substantial credit balance of \$1,638.35, which, thanks to the energy of the past president, the hon. secretary and treasurer, was more than double the usual carry forward. They were fortunate last year in obtaining four new life members, and while he hoped they would get as many more this year, it must be remembered that this income was not recurrent. He thought life membership subscriptions, which equalled 20 ordinary subscriptions should be treated as reserve and placed on fixed deposit.

A Successful Show.

The Show last year was held at the Volunteer Headquarters, and it was demonstrated in many ways that that site was probably the most convenient they had yet obtained. He was pleased to tell them that they had the promise of the ground again this year (Applause). On the whole the Show last year could be reckoned a success, although entries were fewer and they had the usual "grouse" against the "clerk of the weather" who was responsible for many empty spaces on show benches. He hoped this year they would be more fortunate, and that they would have record entries.

The show this year would be held on March 5. Before concluding he recorded thanks to Lt.-Col. Bird and officers for use of the Volunteer Parade Ground, the Capt. Supt. of Police, Supt. of Botanical Gardens, Mr. L. Gibbs, and all those ladies and gentlemen who so willingly rendered assistance in various capacities last year, as well as to those who so generously contributed to the prize fund (Applause) and he felt sure they could rely on them again for the same generous support. (Hear hear).

Mr. Justice Gompertz seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Officers for 1925.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin proposed the election of Mr. J. A. Plummer as president for 1925 and in so doing congratulated Mr. Ho Kom-tong and the secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, on the very successful past year. (Applause). Mr. Gibbs seconded the proposal and Mr. Plummer was elected, and in replying, expressed his desire to do all he could to help the Society.

Other officers elected for the year were: Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Piercy; General Committee, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Dyer and Messrs. H. Green, Chen Po-sin, E. L. Sim, F. P. de V. Soares, J. P. Robinson and Ho Kom-tong.

Before the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Dowbiggin moved a vote of thanks, which was heartily carried, to the retiring president and outgoing committee for the work they had done during the year.

DOLLAR DAY

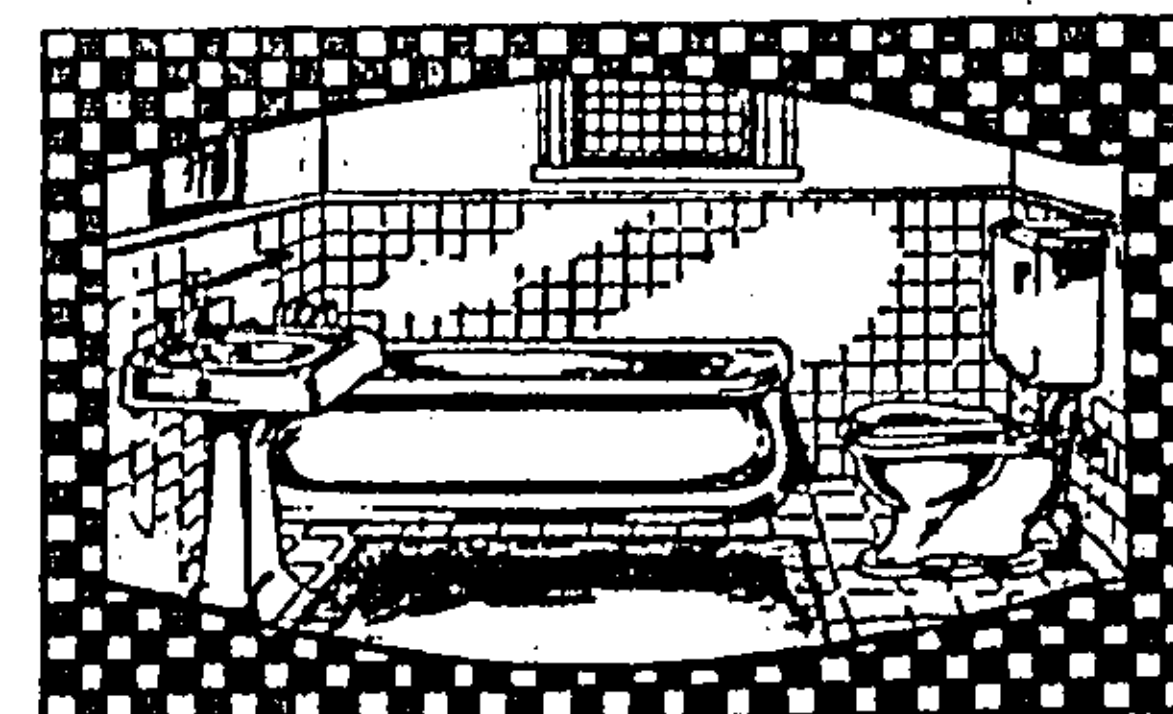
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REORGANISATION COMMISSION.

Peking, February 4.—Tuan Chi-jui has ordered the Military Reorganisation Commission to draft a memorandum for submission to the Rehabilitation Conference, under the following heads:—(1) general provision for the disbanded troops; (2) soldier labour in the development of waste lands on the frontier; (3) and (4) selection of highway routes and river conservancy work with the disbanded labour; (5) drafting a new military system; and (6) estimate of the total troops required for the national defence.

The above is to be submitted to the Conference as merely a technical document.—Daily Bulletin.

Reorganisation Conference.

Peking, February 5.—Tuan Chi-jui will shortly entertain the Kuomintang leaders with a view to explaining the objects of the reorganisation conference and removing misunderstandings between the provisional government and the Kuomintang.

It is officially announced that the reorganisation conference will meet on the 7th inst. when the regulations governing procedure will be passed, and that the first business meeting will take place on the 9th.

Changes in the Navy.

At a Cabinet meeting to-day it was resolved that Admiral Yang Shou-chuang will succeed Tu Hsi-kuei as commander-in-chief of the navy. Admiral Li Ching-hsi succeeding Yang Shou-chuang as commander of the training squadron and Rear Admiral Hsu Chien-ting is replacing Li Ching-hsi as commander of the second squadron, while Admiral Chen Chi-liang takes command of the first squadron from Chow Chou-kun, who is relieved his post.

The *Ching-pao* reports that Chang Hsueh-liang arrives at Tientsin to-day and Chang Tso-lin follows to Tientsin in a few days.—Reuter.

"TRIFLING WOMEN."

NEW PICTURE AT THE CORONET.

At all the sessions at the Coronet yesterday there were very large houses for the initial screening of Rex Ingram's latest photo play, "Trifling Women."

The principal character is Zareda, the crystal gazer, but she succeeded in causing much more harm than the extraction of a few dollars from innocents of her own sex. She exploited the masculine sex for sheer devilment and money. It led to the "removal" from her path of some of her admirers, and in the end proved her own undoing. Mr. Ingram has a powerful way with him in showing the strong points of a picture-story, and he is at his best in "Trifling Women."

As indicated, the story is that of a young daughter of a nobleman who has several suitors, but trifles with them all. One of them loves her passionately, and the father favours the suit. The pair have a tiff, and, to cure her, the father reads her his latest novel written about a trifling woman. The lesson suffices to cure the daughter and she marries the man favoured by her father.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON TEAMS.

H. Overy (Captain), J. C. Lynd, A. W. Ramsay, G. Lee, A. K. F. Raven, S. Tex, A. A. Dand, R. C. Wicheil, J. C. Fletcher and F. W. Howell. League game to be played at K. C. C.

Craigengower v. K.C.C. "A." B. Petheram (Captain), F. B. Raven, J. C. Long, L. A. R. Duncan, H. T. J. Gown, E. J. Edwards, J. Fraser, A. J. Kew, D. S. Green, E. G. Renton and E. G. Jordan. Friendly game at Happy Valley.

NURMI OMNIA VINCIT.

ANOTHER RECORD BROKEN.

New York, February 5.—Nurmi broke Alfred Shubert's record of 4,000 yards, covering the distance in 10 minutes 55 seconds.—Reuter.

WELL-PLANNED ROBBERY.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Two respectably dressed Chinese appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day afternoon as defendants in a case of armed robbery committed on two women of No. 8 Woosung Street on January 13.

The two men were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

The case for the prosecution, as outlined by Inspector Murphy was that one of the women, Chan San-yuk, resided at No. 8 Woosung Street, Yau-mai, and the other woman attended her as an amah. She had apparently been acquainted with the first defendant for a little over two months, but she knew little of the other defendant. Shortly after two o'clock on January 13 the first accused is alleged to have gone to the girl's residence and after a conversation with her, suggested that they should go to the Tung Sing restaurant to dine. The girl replied that she had not been there before and accepted the invitation, but would only go if the amah went too. The two women accompanied the man by bus to the restaurant and it was after alighting from the bus that they met the second defendant for the first time. The two were also joined by a third man. The five of them proceeded to have a meal. During a conversation the first defendant said that he desired to rent a house and that they should all inspect the premises.

They all departed from the restaurant and proceeded to an unoccupied house in Nam Cheung Street, Shamshui. An inspection was made of the house, after which the two women were seized and gagged. The men took all the jewellery from their two victims and then left, telling the women that there were several men waiting for them should they go down. On their promising not to give the alarm, the men did not bind the women before leaving and also extracted the gags from their mouths.

Strongly enough, continued the Inspector, when the women went downstairs some time later and boarded a bus the first defendant was seen to be occupying a seat in front of them. The women were afraid to do anything, and the man left near the Morgkok Station. The two women later went to some of the first defendant's friends, and while discussing the incident some detectives who had heard that the girls were endeavouring to locate some men, approached them and were informed of the robbery. The result was that the first defendant was arrested prior to his departure from the Colony to Canton on board the s.s. Tung On.

On information he gave to the police the second defendant was arrested at his house, where some of the stolen property was found.

After hearing evidence the case was adjourned till this afternoon.

MORALS V. MANNERS.

AN ALICE LAKE FILM.

Alice Lake, who reaped success in Metro's productions of "Should A Woman Tell?" and "Shore Acres," is to be seen in a new role at the Queen's Theatre to-day when the new Metro special, "The Mist Wife" will be the feature.

"The Mist Wife" is a young Western manicurist who marries into a wealthy Eastern family, a family excessively careful of its accent and its traditions. The little Westerner discovers the family isn't quite as careful of its morals. Her husband's young step-mother, who has scored her as "the mist," has been carrying on an affair with a man-about-town. The young wife, in an effort to save her, is caught in a compromising position.

Alice Lake will play "The Mist Wife." It is a part said to afford her unusual opportunities. Others in the cast include Forrest Stanley, Jack Livingston, Graham Pott, Edward Martindale, Fredrick Vroom, Billy Gottinger, Jim Blackwell, Leola Lorraine and Helen Pillsbury.

"The Mist Wife" is a picturization of Julie Heron's successful stage play, "The Outsider." The scenario was written by Lila Zellner and A. T. Younger. The production was made under the direction of Edwin Mortimer. A. Reeves is responsible for the photography and John Holden for the special art settings.



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ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 26th February, 1925, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors WILL SEND in their ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SCHEDULES are now being printed and will be posted at an early date. Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, c/o Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

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T. A. MARTIN,

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Hongkong, 4th February, 1925

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

RACE MEETING 1925.

February 16, 17, 18 and 21. Tickets of admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh or at the Gate. Price \$3 per day. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform \$1 per day. No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
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Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

RACE MEETING 1925.

February 16, 17, 18 and 21. Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

RACE MEETING 1925.

February 16, 17, 18 and 21. The Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.

Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

RACE MEETING 1925.

February 16, 17, 18 and 21. Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Saturday, February 14, 1925.—Price \$10.—per day or \$30.—for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.
Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

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February 16, 17, 18 and 21. PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, February 2, 1925.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 21st February 1925, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December 1924.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 9th February to Saturday the 21st February 1925 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of The Court of Directors.
A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong 2nd. February, 1925.

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By order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February 1925.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Lewis Albert Tobin having by mutual agreement severed his connection with us his authority to sign our name for Procuration is withdrawn from this date.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1925.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON, on MONDAY, February 9th at 6 p.m.

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of the Leasehold Properties situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong and known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Aimal Villas to be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION in 8 LOTS on WEDNESDAY, February 25, 1925, at 3 p.m. by Mr. E. V. M. R. de SOUSA, Auctioneer, At the China Auction Rooms, China Building.

PARTICULARS.

Lot 1. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section A of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 1, Aimal Villas.

The area is 6293 sq. ft. or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable is \$21.25.
Lot 2. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section B of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 2, Aimal Villas.

The area is 4025 sq. ft. or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable is \$16.20.
Lot 3. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section C of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 3, Aimal Villas.

The area is 3892 sq. ft. or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable is \$16.65.

Lot 4. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section D of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 4, Aimal Villas.

The area is 3876 sq. ft. or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable is \$15.55.

Lot 5. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section E of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 5, Aimal Villas.

The area is 4002 sq. ft. or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable is \$16.10.

Lot 6. All those pieces of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1171 and R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1172, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 6, Aimal Villas.

The area of R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1171 is 6763 sq. ft. or thereabouts.

The area of R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1172 is 62 sq. ft. or thereabouts.

The Crown Rent in respect of the R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1171 is \$27.45.

The Crown Rent in respect of the R. P. of K. I. L. No. 1172 is \$0.25.

Lot 7. All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon aforesaid and intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section B of K. I. L. No. 1171, together with the messuage thereon known as No. 7, Aimal Villas.

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by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, February 9, 1925, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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6th. Feb. 1925.

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"Telegraph" Motor Car Competition.

In every issue of the "Telegraph" up to and including April 25th, 1925, there will appear a skeleton word from which the consonants have been omitted. Competitors are required to fill in the blanks, and for every correct coupon sent in they will be credited with one point. The competitors having the highest totals when the Competition ends will be awarded prizes as follows:—1st, a Five-Passenger 1925 Dodge motor car; 2nd, a magnificent Victrola cabinet gramophone; 3rd, a No. 5 Model Underwood typewriter.

TO-DAY'S SKELETON WORD:—

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I agree to abide by the rules and conditions set forth in the full-page advertisement appearing in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of Dec. 27th, 1924.

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This coupon must be forwarded to the offices of the "Hongkong Telegraph," 11, Des Voeux Street, not later than Wednesday, February 11th, 1925.

DR. SUN'S CONDITION.**SHOWS NO CHANGE.**

Peking, February 5.—A Peking University Medical College bulletin to-day states that Dr. Sun Yat-sen's condition is unchanged. His temperature is normal and his pulse 120.—Router.

JAPANESE POLITICS.**DIET MEMBERS SUSPENDED.**

Tokyo, February 4.—Three members of the Diet who were implicated in last night's disturbance in the Diet have been suspended for a fortnight.—Daily Bulletin.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.**WAGLAN ISLAND.**

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Hongkong Harbour Office.—A new horizontal horn has been fitted to the Dingy at Waglan Island and masters of ships are requested to report to the Harbour Master, bearings and distances this signal is heard.

"THE FAMILY SECRET."**BABY PEGGY AT THE STAR.**

Admirers of the infant phenomenon of the screen, Baby Peggy Montgomery, to give her the full name under which she figures in the cast of her latest picture, "The Family Secret," will not be disappointed by a visit to the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-day or tomorrow. Certainly the little mite has never been seen to better advantage than in this moving picture version of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's popular story, "The Bungalow," or as it was styled more briefly when adapted for the stage by Mr. Augustus Thomas, "The Bungalow." It might have been written expressly for Baby Peggy, so thoroughly does she appear to enter into the spirit of the play. Whether the situation in which she is placed be humorous, pathetic, or dramatic, she invariably comports herself with the greatest realism and art. Not once does she convey the impression that she is playing a part.

IRON ORE IN JOHORE.

That the Japanese are increasing their production of iron ore from the Concession held by a company of this nationality at Bukit Medan in Johore is proved by the return of exports from that State. All the iron ore was shipped to Japan. In 1921 it was 74,250 tons, value £86,636; in 1922, 111,090 tons, value £129,695; and in 1923, 154,161 tons, value £140,344. For 1924 (nine months) it has been 160,723 tons, value £128,036. In 1923 the labour force employed numbered 990, and an 80 h.p. air compressor plant was to be installed for drilling purposes. To transport the ore down the river to the sea thirty-one tongkangs and eleven launches and tugs are employed by the company.

NOTICE

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 7th February 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1924. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 2nd February to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd Jan. 1925.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 19th December, 1924, the name of the Chino American Industrial Developing Co., Ltd., was changed and the company will thereafter be known as "The Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving, and Construction Co., Limited."

The Company will continue to carry on business as structural engineers and building contractors as heretofore under the new name.

C. B. SHANK,
Manager,
Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 10th February 1925 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1924.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 23rd January to Tuesday, 10th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 2nd February 1925.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex on TUESDAY February 10th 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd January, 1925.

By Order,
O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Consignees per Company's Steamer

"PATROCLUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 5th February.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th Feb., 1925 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th February 1925 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
5th February, 1925.

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CONSIGNEES.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

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Consignees per Company's Steamer:

"EURYPYLUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 4th February.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th February, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 24th February, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
4th February, 1925.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Vereenigde Nederlandsche Scheepvaart-Maatschappij

United Netherland Navigation Co. Holland-East Asia Line.

From Amsterdam Rotterdam Hamburg and Bremen.

The Steamship

"GEMMA" (2)

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 12th February, 1925, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th Feb. 1925, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th Feb., 1925.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**SERVICES**

CONTRACTS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship

"PORTHOS"

Consignees of cargo from

Marseilles, &c. and also cargo from Bordeaux ex s/s "Antinous"

In connection with above

Steamer are hereby informed that

their goods with the exception of

Opium, Treasure and Valuables

are being landed and stored at

their risks into the Godowns of

the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Co., Ltd. Kowloon

whence delivery may be obtained

immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded

on unless intimation is received

from the Consignees before

noon to-day, or it will be

landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Remainder of cargo will be

examined on Wednesday the

11th instant, at 10 a.m. by

Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been

effected.

R. RODENFUSER, Agent,
Hongkong, February 5th 1925.

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THE Steamer "DONCOLA" Capt. C.P. COOPER, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R. carrying His Majesty's Mails will be despatched from this port on or about Sunday, the 8th Feb., 1925, at 10 a.m. taking Passengers & cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable Cargo for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be conveyed by this Steamer proceeding to Bombay and there transhipped to the on-carrying Steamer to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6th, 1925. The contents and value of all packages must be declared. For further particulars, apply to—

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WEDDING.

MECKLENBURGH—JAMESON.—At the Peak Church on Thursday 5th. February, by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Horace Leslie, second son of the Late Samuel Mecklenburgh and Mrs. Mecklenburgh of Bristol, England, to Phyllis Beatrice the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. D. Jameson of London.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 6th Feb., 1925.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

Of considerable concern to business and financial interests throughout the world is the movement, recently intensified in Britain, towards a return to the gold standard. While it is contended by some that the advantages will be many, and the example of certain other countries is pointed to, yet even the most ardent advocates of the new move are cautious, and take care to emphasise that the transition will have to be gradual. It is difficult for the man-in-the-street to follow all the complexities of the subject, and thus decide the merits or otherwise of a gold standard. In China the chief interest to the general public will probably be the effect on the exchange value of the local dollar. But evidently at Home they are already commencing to wage a battle over the matter, and there is a very keen opposition by the mercantile classes reported in the latest cables. Apparently the banks and dealers in high finance are in favour of the change, while the more business man fears its effect on future trade. It is doubtful whether anything quite so drastic is likely to happen as is foreshadowed by the *Daily Express*, which is apprehensive of Britain becoming the "economic vassal of America" owing to that country's vast hoard of gold, and of adverse effects on national prosperity, but it is obvious that the question requires very careful consideration before any definite decision be taken.

It is to be presumed that the public in general have an idea what all the pother is about. At present Britain is working under a Government embargo imposed some years ago, by which gold can only be exported by licence, and thus, in practice, while gold arriving from producing centres is sent elsewhere—to America for instance—the supplies at the Bank of England remain practically

untouched. Unless specially extended by Parliament, the embargo will expire at the end of this year, so evidently a decision has to be reached at a comparatively early date. From recent Home papers we observe that the controversy has already become a matter of hot discussion, some maintaining that it will be safe to revert to the standard this year, directly the pound sterling reaches parity in the United States—which it has practically done—while others contend that it would be madness to attempt anything of the kind until the actual British trade position is more favourable and the European financial outlook has become settled. The present rise in the price of sterling is felt to be due chiefly to the large sums of money lent by America to Europe, and the apparent confidence of investors across the Atlantic. It is therefore not, a matter of permanency, and any loss of prestige on the part of European investments, with subsequent reflection in the United States markets, might very conceivably mean a reversal of exchange values that could have nothing short of a disastrous effect on countries which had not proceeded with due caution. It seems that the case for being wary has much in its favour, on the principle that it were better to profit by the general stability occasioned by present and recent conditions, and remain content therewith, than try to grasp at greater gains which might not materialise. The whole subject will have to be left to the experts to analyse and decide, but in the meantime the long-suffering layman, who will be as largely affected as anyone were things to go wrong, might be permitted to utter a hope that whatever be the ultimate decision it will prove the correct one.

Rent Control.

With only a few months to go before the expiry of the period for which the Rents Ordinance was last renewed, it is only natural that landlords and tenants alike should be anxious to know what probability there is of a continuance of the present scheme of control. It has to be conceded that the existing law is not ideal, and that only unusual conditions warrant the continuation of restrictions of this character. Moreover, our Rents Ordinance has become increasingly complex as time has passed and amendments been made, with the result that it is the subject of frequent litigation. The interests of the majority in this case, the tenants—must always be the concern of the Government, though it would be the utmost injustice not to remember that property-owners also have their rights, which deserve fair and reasonable consideration. In saying so much, however, we should view with trepidation the complete abolition of all restrictions, being assured that, under existing conditions, the consequence would be a very marked rise in the rentals of houses now coming within the scope of the Ordinance. There is still much need for the protection of tenants' interests, despite all the new building that has taken place. That being so, we shall be surprised if all control is removed, and it seems to us that the only point to be decided when the matter is discussed in Council will be whether the Ordinance should be renewed as it stands, or whether some other form of protection cannot be devised which shall safeguard tenants from undue extortion and at the same time deal fairly and justly with property-owners.

Aerial Progress.

The special message which we yesterday published regarding the probability of a commercial airship service between Calcutta and Rangoon is indicative of the progress which is being made in adapting aviation to business purposes. Even a daily service is mentioned as possible, whilst its extension to Singapore and Bangkok is also spoken of as being within the bounds of

DAY BY DAY.

THE SOUL OF MAN IS INFINITE IN WHAT IT COVETS.
—Ben Jonson.

To-day is the third anniversary of the election of His Holiness Pope Pius XI.

To-morrow there will appear a cartoon by Mr. Stan Hill on the recent Rugby trial match.

The referee at to-morrow's Rugby match between the Club and the Navy will be Capt. S. H. Feary, D. S. O.

Yesterday's health return shows one Russian case of diphtheria and one Chinese occurrence of cerebro-spinal fever.

Kanjiro Shibahara has reported to the police the theft of \$700 from a locked drawer in his office at No. 7 Queen's Road Central.

The silk forwarded from here by Empress of Asia on the 8th January arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 31st January, having been 23 days in transit.

Among the arrivals from Home on the P. & O. s.s. Malwa, this morning, were the Bishop of Victoria, and Mrs. Duppy, Mr. A. O. Lang, and Major C. Willson.

The conductor of an Aberdeen motor bus sustained serious injuries to his head when he fell off the vehicle yesterday. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Major C. Willson, O.B.E., V.D., First Clerk of the Hongkong Magistracy, returned from leave per s.s. Malwa. During his leave in England he was attached to the 82nd Field Battery R. A.

The weather in the West River for the last week has continued mostly foggy, misty or rainy, and as a consequence the water has risen quite a bit in the river, so that there were 9 ft. 2 inches on the Second Bar on the 5th inst. This will have a beneficial effect upon all shipping, and it is expected that it will not much longer be necessary for the majority of the river steamers to stop at Do Sing instead of going all the way up to Wuchow.

The P. & O. s.s. Morca, which arrived this morning from Shanghai, has on board a large number of well-known Shanghai residents. Among those who are on the way Home are Major Hilton-Johnson, the Commissioner-General, and Mrs. Hilton-Johnson, the Ven. Archdeacon Moule who is retiring after 37 years of work at Trinity College, Ningpo, and Mrs. Moule; Miss Symons, daughter of the Very Rev. Dean Symons; Mrs. H. H. Bristow (Mrs. Symons' sister) and two children, Mrs. O. J. Scott and family, who is to be accompanied by Mr. C. J. Scott as far as Hongkong; Mrs. O. L. Ilbert and Miss Ilbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McDonald, Comdr. A. R. Farquhar, R. N., and Baroness Fittengriff, and the passengers include Messrs. H. Maitland and V. Haimovitch, who have come to Hongkong to ride in the Races.

practicality. Developments such as these, together with the intention to institute a London to India service, serve to heighten Far Eastern interest in aviation, and they inspire us with the hope that the time will not be far distant when we in this part of the world will share in the movement. It is no foolish dream to picture the time when Hongkong will be in aerial touch, both for commercial and pleasure purposes, with China Coast ports and Manila, and we have no doubt that as experience is gained by such movements as the projected Calcutta-Rangoon service, that day will be brought appreciably nearer.

SPORTS GOSSIP.

HONGKONG'S RUGGER CUP.

[BY "WANDERER".]

Just a few enthusiasts co-opted, Rugger provides no attraction in Hongkong, and until the standard of play improves, there is hardly likely to be an improvement in this state of affairs. The handling code can be one of the most exciting games to watch, but in Hongkong, it has not the attraction for the majority of spectators that the soccer game has. To-morrow the Navy are playing the Club for possession of the 1924-25 custodianship of the Rugger Cup. The trophy is one of the oldest still open for competition in the Colony and a spirited game is expected, with the odds slightly in favour of the Navy who are able to call upon a larger proportion of tried players. The band of H. M. S. Hawkins will play before the game and during the interval.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., represented once again by Messrs. A. B. Stewart and A. W. Galloway, retained the Governor's Shield by defeating the University, represented by Professors Middleton Smith and J. L. Shellshear, at Fanling on Sunday, at the nineteenth hole. There were few signs of championship play attached to the game, though interest was maintained throughout. The University looked to be on a good thing at one time, but fell away and their opponents squared the game at the last hole, and went on to win the extra one.

The defeat of South China "A" by Kowloon has placed the Surrey in an unassailable position at the head of the First Division of the Football League, and the Shield Competition must now be looked to for sustenance of interest in football circles. I understand on very good authority that the Surrey will be losing the large majority of their present eleven at the close of the playing season, so that even should the battalion remain in the Colony until next October, which is, I believe, unlikely, there is little prospect of their carrying all, or most of it, before them as they have done so far this season. Eaton is included amongst the number destined for Home, but there is a distinct possibility of his return to the Colony in a civilian capacity, and Rumour, fickle jade though she often is, has already placed him in the colours of the Kowloon club.

Pat Hendron, England and Middlesex cricketer, and the most consistent bat in England since the war, celebrated his thirty-sixth birthday, in Australia yesterday. Hendron played plenty of first class cricket prior to 1914 but first came into the limelight in 1919. Since that year he has scored well over 12,000 runs, has averaged over 60 runs per innings, reaching his topmost point in 1923, when he aggregated 3,010 runs, average 77.17, and equalled the record of thirteen centuries in one season held by C. B. Fry (1901) and T. Hayward (1906). Pat's highest total in first class cricket was made against Kent at Lord's in 1923; on that day he broke the first-class record for the ground by scoring 277 not out. Hendron has taken part in some big partnerships both for England and for Middlesex. In Australia in 1920-21 against Victoria he and J. W. H. T. Douglas added 323 for the sixth wicket, and against Hants in 1923 he partnered J. W. Hearne, the pair adding 375 runs for the third. To date Hendron has over fifty centuries to his credit. Hendron is also a professional footballer and had he not been chosen for the Test Team would no doubt have been playing for Brentford in the Third Division of the English League.

Talking of soccer-cricketers, I have often speculated as to the number of capable footballers or cricketers who are lost to one game or the other through the clashing of the seasons in Hongkong. The newcomer, here, of course, to make his own choice, and it does not always follow that he elects to play the game at which he is most proficient. I know two Surrey footballers who would be welcomed with

21 YEARS AGO.

INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM OUR FILES.

In view of an oft-expressed wish we are resuming the practice of giving interesting extracts from our old files. The extracts below are taken from the week's papers ending February 8th, 1904:—

CHEAP RENTALS.

Four-roomed houses with bath rooms, outhouses and verandahs were to let for \$40 per month, inclusive of taxes, whilst two and three roomed flats were on offer from \$25 per month inclusive.

Among the football team representing the Club in a match against the Royal Engineers were Mr. F. H. Kew, Mr. E. F. Aucott, Mr. W. J. C. Bonnar and Mr. R. Hancock, whilst among those playing rugby were Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Mr. W. H. Donald, now in charge of the Bureau of Economic Information, Peking, and then a sub-editor on the *China Mail*, left for the North to become a special war correspondent in connection with the Russo-Japanese war which was threatening.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

Reporting on the question of a new Pavilion for the Hongkong Cricket Club, a sub-committee appointed to consider the matter recommended the execution of a plan prepared by Messrs. Denison, Rain and Gibbs, estimating a total cost of the work at \$17,700. To defray the cost of the new clubhouse, it was recommended that \$50 debentures be issued and that members' subscriptions should be raised 50 per cent.

The annual report of the Directors of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company showed that the profit for the year was \$96,732.20.

Some of the local share prices:—Ranks, \$645; Unions, \$490; Hongkong Fire, \$300; Star Ferries, \$30; China Sugars, \$106; Docks, \$20; Wharves, \$95; Land Investments (\$100 shares), \$150; Steamboats, \$153.

The forthcoming wedding was announced of the Hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart and Miss Gresson.

The band of the 93rd Burma Infantry played during dinner at the Hongkong and King Edward Hotels.

A certain pony, named Naras and of very bad behaviour, in training for the forthcoming races, led to the determination of a certain Commander Gaunt "to bring the derby griffin to realise that the course is made for running and not for a display of buck-jumping." But the chronicle goes on to record that Naras when galloping on the track, stopped short, put its head down and threw Commander Gaunt over its head into the ditch. The report concludes by saying that it had been decided not to allow the pony to race as it was a danger to others and to itself.

THE "PAUL BEAU."

The local trial trip of the s.s. Paul Beau, a new French river steamer which had been built in France and brought out to Hongkong, is recorded. The steamer was constructed to the order of Mr. J. Trouvoux, of Canton. At the annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., held the next day, strong adverse comment was made on what was termed the "unfair subsidised competition of French steamers."

The annual report of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation showed that the net profit for the year was \$1,435,683, out of which it was proposed to pay a dividend of £1 10s. per share and a bonus of 10s. per share.

open arms into the cricket eleven and one or two cricketers who perhaps consider football a little too strenuous. In neither case would wild horses drag from me their names.

Playing for his platoon on the Murray Parade ground last evening in the semi-final of the Fowler Cup, Eaton, the battalion insider, right, seriously injured his ankle and is now in hospital. At present, it is impossible to give a definite statement, but the probabilities are that he will be out of the team for several weeks.

MESS DISTURBANCE.

OLD SOLDIER CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS.

A disturbance in the Corporal's Room at Murray Barracks, on the evening of January 26th, had a sequel this morning when Corpl. Henry James Short was charged before a District Court Martial with drunkenness. The president was Major T. C. Greenwood, R.A., the other members being Capt. Hey, Bombay Grenadiers, and Lieut. Hawke, R.A.

Capt. C. E. Luard prosecuted and Lieut. C. J. Yoo acted as "accused's friend."

Corpl. Stimpson, who was acting Battalion Orderly Sergeant at the time, told the Court that he was informed of a disturbance in the Mess. He found the accused, who was the censor, drunk, and placed him under close arrest. In cross-examination he said that the accused put his hat on and did up his collar and walked to the guardroom unassisted. He had noticed skylarking on in the Mess previously, but it appeared to be mild and he took no notice.

Sergeant Puttock deposed that when accused arrived in the guardroom he was drunk and was wearing no hat or tunic. Asked his definition of "drunk," he said that a soldier was drunk when incapable of carrying out any military duty which he might be called upon to perform.

In his defence, Corpl. Short called several persons who were in the Mess at the time and all stated that in their opinion the accused was not drunk. He closed the bar punctually at 9.15. In answer to Corpl. Short, they declared that he walked to the guardroom unaided and that he had his tunic on when he left. They were aware that he had a large sum of money in his possession.

Corpl. Case said that there was a certain amount of skylarking going on from eight o'clock onwards. Shortly after nine he saw Short go to a chair in which a civilian was sitting and tip him out. An argument followed and eventually the accused ordered the civilian out of the Mess.

Corpl. Doubtfire informed the Court that the accused reported the loss of his money from his tunic. The tunic was hanging over the rail of his bed in the guardroom. A search at the Mess revealed nothing.

Corpl. Short said that he was unaware of the charge which had been made against him until he faced his company commander. He mentioned that he had lost a considerable sum of money, not only that of the Mess but his own. He added that he completed his 21 years' service with the Colours on January 18th and was only waiting for a passage home.

The finding and sentence will be promulgated in due course.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

The coasting steamer Elida Clauson, Captain R. Sandvig, completed her time charter yesterday, and went to dry-dock for overhauling.

The Wuchow-Hongkong steamer Anjou, Captain R. Brown, is temporarily laid up at the Shum Shui Po flats, after having made one odd trip to Canton and back. It is not yet known when she will resume running in her old route.

The Phranang, Captain H. C. Kiddle, arrived from Swatow yesterday, and had moderate monsoon with misty and overcast weather coming down.

Two P. & O. liners, and one B. I. passenger steamer were alongside the Kowloon wharves this morning.

The popular chief officer of the Hydrangea, Mr. E. McCarthy, has resigned and been transferred to the Dorwent, which left yesterday for Saigon.

WISH WYNNE.

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BIAS BAY.

PIRATES STILL BEING HUNTED.

Pirates in Bias Bay districts nowadays are being given a harrasing time, as, in pursuance of a determination to clean up this unhealthy spot once and for all, Commander Wong Fook-chi is still busily occupied in rounding up the culprits. Since last writing on the subject to the Hongkong Police officials, he has entered the Tai Ping City district, and amongst the villages visited were Nimshan, Fan Wo Kong, Tseung Pai, and Tungshan. In addition to the seventeen pirates captured in the first operation carried out in conjunction with Hongkong Police officials, he has up to date taken eight more, and these have been also taken to Watchow (Chan King-ming's native city) to await trial. Whichever it was established that a house or village was used as a pirates' nest, the Commander had no compunction in setting the whole mass on fire.

Commander Wong Fook-chi, who is 37 years of age, is well-known in police circles in this Colony, having at one time being Chief of the Detective Force of Canton. It is not true that he was at one time on the Hongkong Detective staff, though in his official position at Canton, he had a deal to do with cases of crime concerning both cities. Since pirates have become more pronounced, he has been closely co-operating with the Hongkong police in the matter of punitive expeditions carried out against the culprits.

AVIATION TRAGEDY RECALLED.

LATE MR. EARNSHAW'S BODY FOUND.

The aviation tragedy of Jan. 24th, in which Mr. Reginald Earnshaw lost his life, is recalled by the discovery of his body, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the water a few hundred yards from the spot where he descended, off Kowloon City.

The search had not been relaxed, and the efforts of the police were at length rewarded after twelve days. Mr. Earnshaw's body was found by Inspector Bond, of the Water Police, floating on the surface, with the parachute belt round the waist and one of the cords entangled round the right leg. The parachute could not be raised. The body was taken to the Kowloon mortuary, and the funeral has been fixed for to-morrow at 11 a.m., and not this evening as previously announced.

As already intimated, an official enquiry into the circumstances attending Mr. Earnshaw's death is to be held very shortly.

STEAMER GRILLES

ANOTHER SIDELIGHT.

Another instance of how the grille system works on river steamers was related to one of our representatives yesterday by the captain of a Wuchow-Hongkong passenger boat.

While his vessel was off Kau Kong, the dynamo broke down, and, as a consequence, all the electric lights on board, including the running lights, were extinguished. The spare running lights, burning kerosene, were all ready and brightly burning in the pilot-house. The master, who was on the bridge, immediately ordered the spare lights put in position.

They had to open the grilles to do this, however, especially in order to place the mast head light, and, in the confusion, the Indian guard had lost his key. In the meantime they had to pass two meeting steamers while their own vessel did not have a single light burning. It took fifteen minutes before the spare running lights eventually were in their proper positions, and the master states that it was only the good luck of sailors that saved him from a possibly serious disaster in these narrow and crowded waters.

PULPIT CROSS-WORLD PUZZLE.

The Rev. George W. McElveen, pastor of the Knoxville Baptist Church, Pittsburg, has placed a large blackboard in front of his pulpit, and invited the congregation to solve the text of his next Sunday sermon, which is concealed in a crossword puzzle.

THE PIRACY RULES.

A SHANGHAI COMMENT.

The North-China Daily News of last Monday has a leading article on the local piracy regulations controversy, which it heads "Hongkong Piracy Muddle."

Having surveyed the points brought out in the recent "Minority Report," our Northern contemporary states:—

"The crux of the whole matter, however, and the point on which the views of the Government and the shipowners appear at present to be quite irreconcilable, is the question of the employment of Naval patrols. The Hongkong Government seems determined to continue in its policy of placing the defence of ships under the control of the police authorities; the Navy has consistently been ignored in this matter; no Naval representative was invited to serve on the Committee; and even in a raid on a pirate lair which took place some days ago near Watchow, it was a salient fact that it was not H. M. Navy which co-operated with the Chinese troops, but the Hongkong police instead. The owners and the officers want permanent Naval patrols; no less an authority than Sir Arthur Leveson has stated that they are the only remedy to the situation; and the senior Naval Officer in charge of West River Defences has stated in addition that the only alternative to the present unsatisfactory system is to have permanent patrols by armed Naval launches."

Thus we have the people who really are concerned and who really should know—the shipowners, the officers and experienced Naval authorities—unreservedly advocating that the present system be scrapped in its entirety, that the Navy should take over all piracy prevention work on the water, and that the Hongkong Police should confine their activities in the matter of shore precautions and searches; and the Hongkong Government, in face of opposition and of the result of experience, maintaining its adamant policy of adhering to a system which indubitably has been proved unsound, unnecessarily expensive and generally unpopular. There is possibly some good reason for the stand adopted, but it is difficult to discover; though it has been suggested that the solution is to be found behind the fact that the Hongkong Government is answerable to the Colonial Office and H. M. Navy to the Foreign Office, through the Admiralty, in London. The subject, however, is too vitally important for departmental or any other considerations to bear undue influence; and if the Hongkong Government cannot or will not come out into the open and justify its present apparently unreasonable attitude, it is strongly to be hoped that the representations which we understand are likely to be made in London at an early date will result in the clearing up of a situation which should never have arisen."

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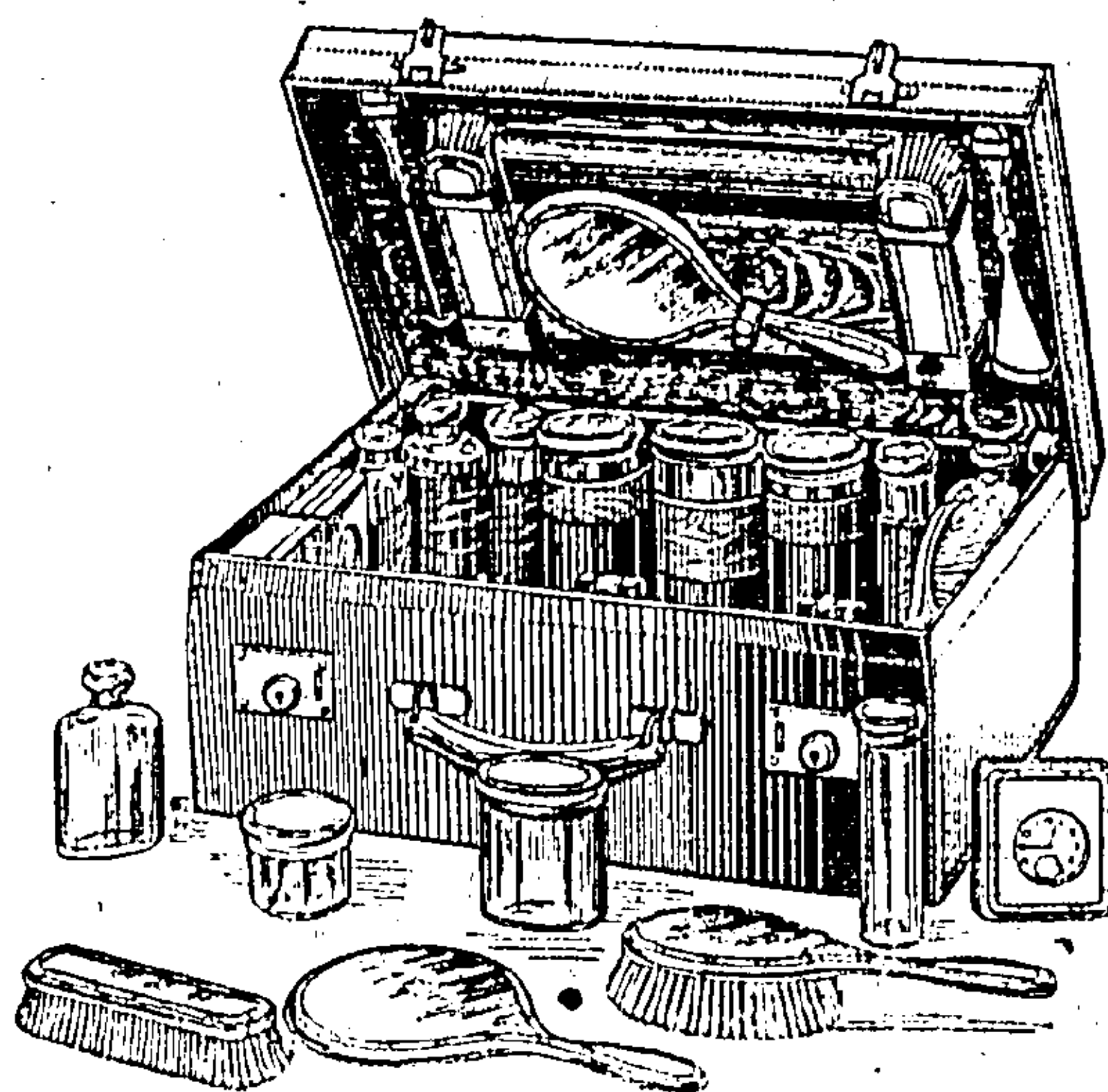
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DAY BY DAY.

Mr. E. A. Leggett, the new superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. in Hongkong, arrived to-day with Mrs. Leggett on the s.s. Malwa, from Penang.

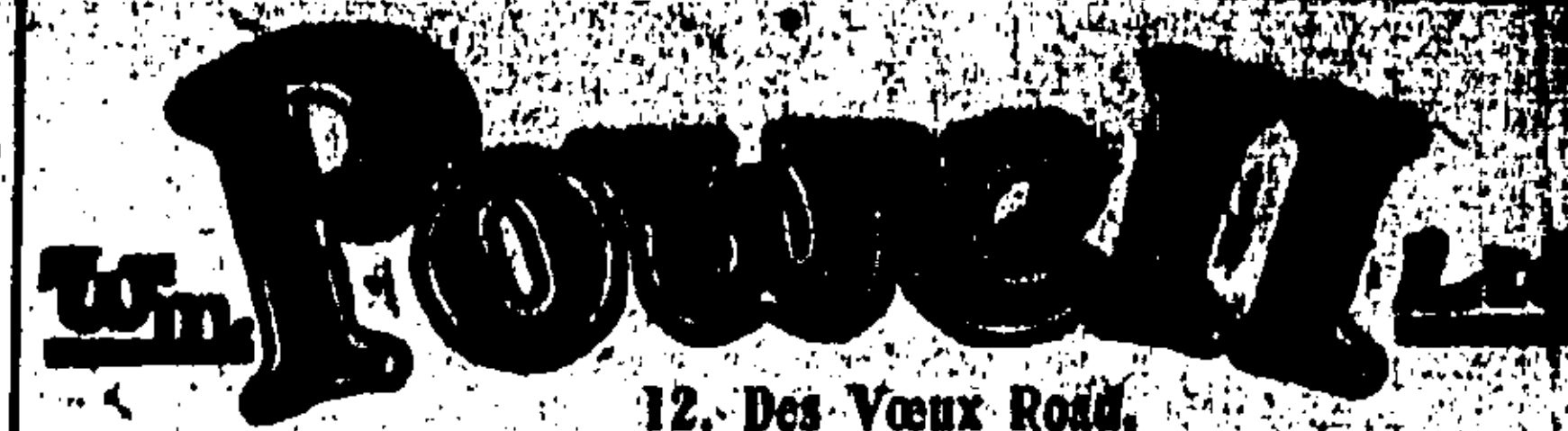
In the replayed semi-final tie for the Fowler Cup this morning, the Right Section defeated "A" 4 Platoon by two goals to nil. This afternoon the winners will play "A" 2 Platoon in the final, and at the conclusion, the retiring G. O. C. will present the cup.

"I don't like those clients who won't see their solicitors," remarked Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Summary Court this morning, when Mr. C. H. Lyson, who was appearing for a defendant in a case to be fixed for hearing, complained that he had not yet seen his client. His Lordship fixed the hearing for one week hence.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will include photographs taken at the weddings of Mr. W. R. Hillier and Miss Violet B. Taylor, and of Mr. M. F. Houghton and Miss Marie Rosario; as well as a group of the Hongkong and Shanghai Interport yachtsmen.

In a collision between a ricksha and a motor car at the junction of Queen Victoria Street and Connaught Road Central yesterday, the ricksha coolie was injured in the right leg and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital. The fare escaped unhurt.

WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN. Charles Rigoulet, a French soldier, aged twenty-one, has been proclaimed the champion strong man of the world, an honour held until recently by a German. Rigoulet, using both arms, raised a weight of 3 cwt. 21 lbs. in a competition held in Paris recently. He received a frantic ovation from the audience.



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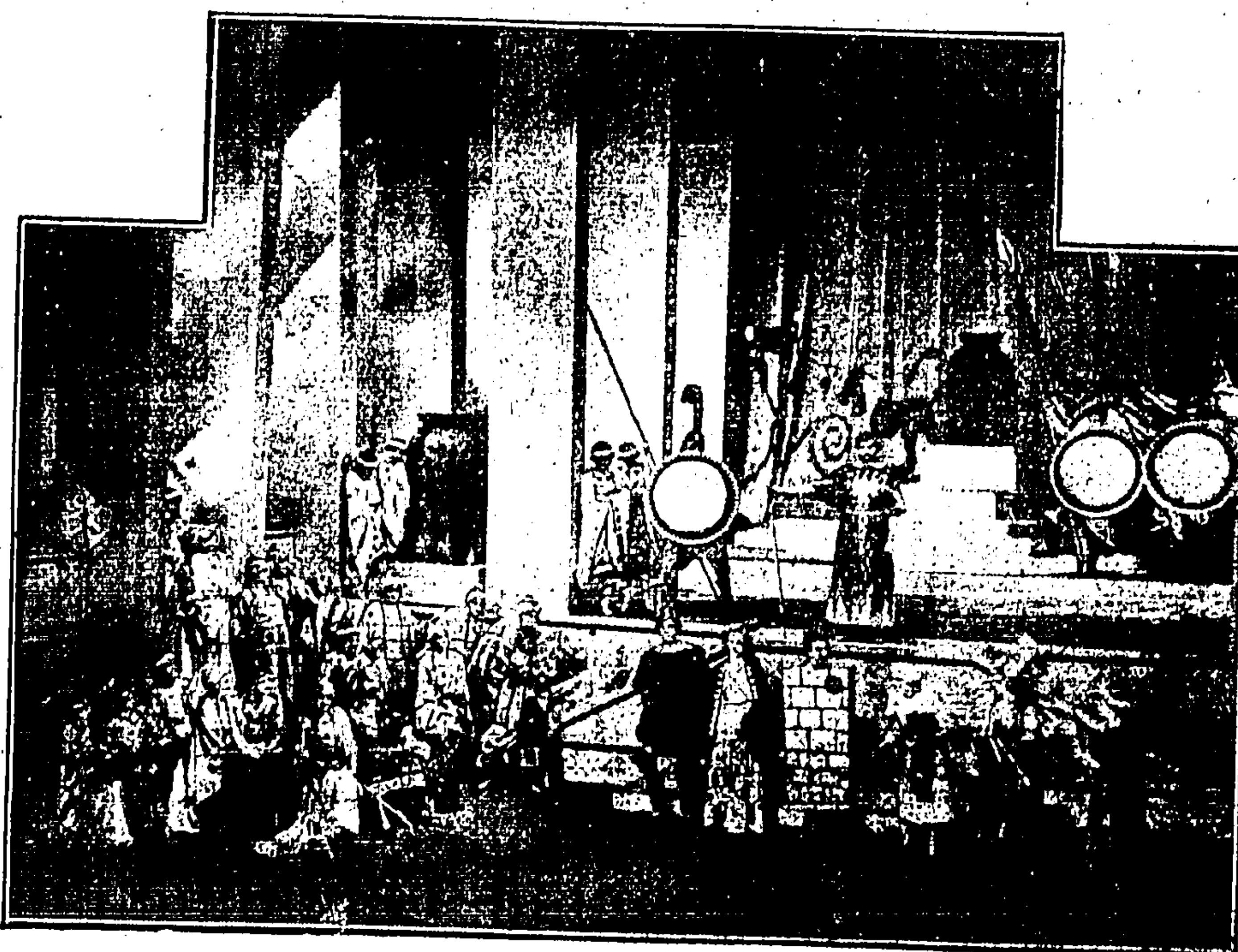
CAMERA NEWS



LONDON'S SECOND DEFEAT.—New Zealand beat London for the second time when they won at Blackheath by 28 points to 3. Our photograph shows an attack by the All Blacks in the first half. J. Mills (on ground) has just passed to N. P. McGregor. A. L. Gracie is the nearest London player to him. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)



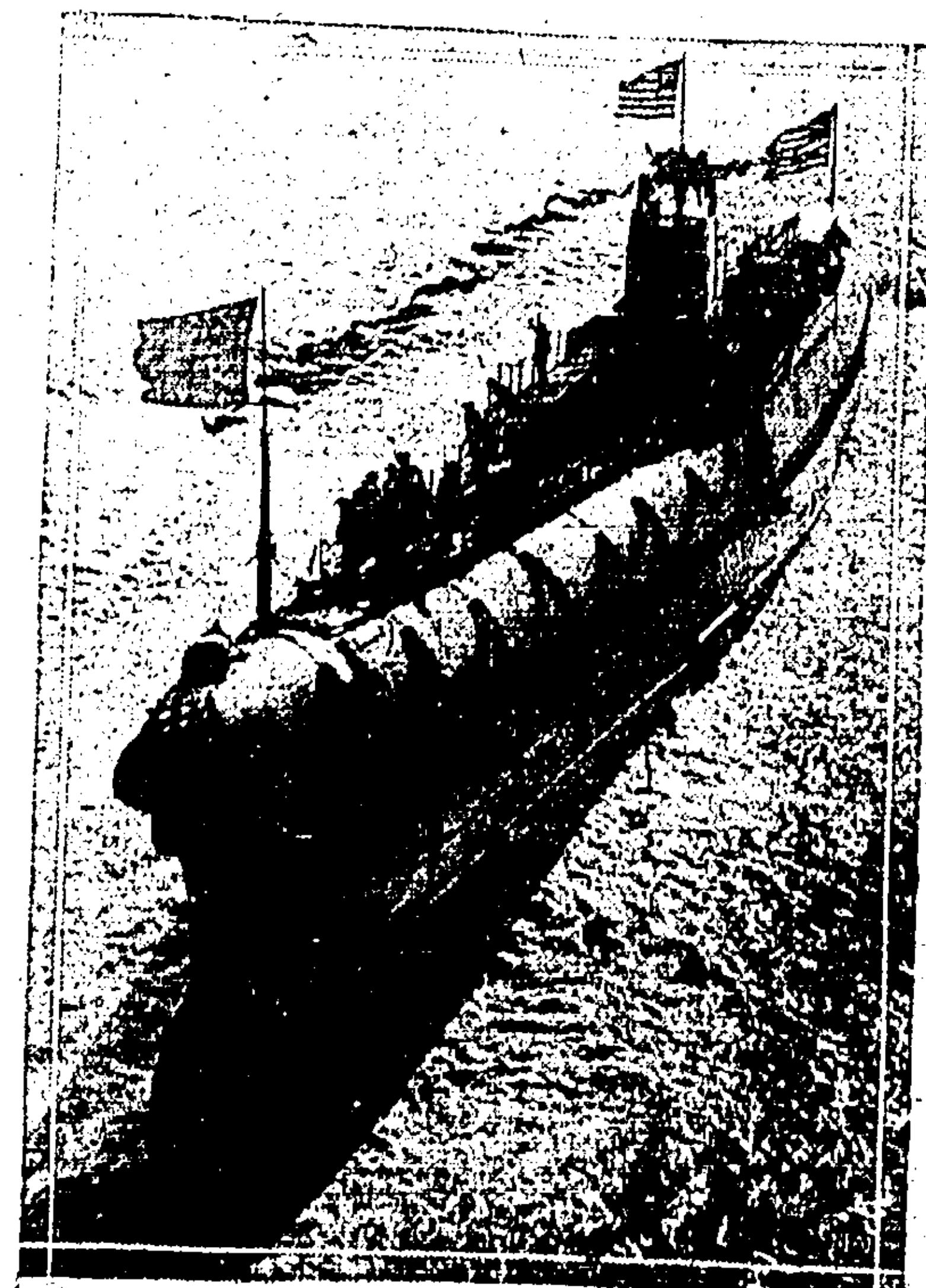
A CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE.—The base of the London Cenotaph covered with wreaths of holly which were left there during the Christmas holidays. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)



SHAKESPEARE AT DRURY LANE.—A scene in Mr. Basil Dean's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Drury Lane Theatre. Our photograph shows Theseus (Mr. Allan Jeayes) and Hippolyta (Miss Mary Clare) and the players to the palace at Athens. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)



HONOURED BY ITALY.—Madam Bernice De Pasquall, American opera singer, has been accorded membership in the Royal Academy Philharmonic at Rome. She is the only one whose membership has been won through vocal rather than instrumental ability.



NEW "SUB."—The U. S. S. V-2, America's latest and largest submarine has just been launched at the Portsmouth (N. H.) Navy Yard, where it is shown taking its initial trip.



A VETERAN.—Major Emma Westbrook, of Albany, New York, is the sole survivor of the first group of Salvation Army workers who arrived in America from England in 1880.



GUARDS' CHAPEL WEDDING.—Mr. W. B. L. Mahley, Grenadier Guards, and Lady Katherine Carnegie, sister of Lord Northesk, leaving the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, after their marriage on December 22. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)

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CANTON AVIATION.**FLIGHT BY OFFICIALS.**

A new chapter in the history of aviation in this province was opened yesterday (says the Canton Gazette of Wednesday) when two of the highest officials of the Government took their first flight in an aeroplane and obtained for the first time a wonderfully instructive view of this ancient city.

Yesterday, the Civil Governor, Mr. Hu Han-min, and the Commander-in-chief of the Cantonese armies, General Hsu Chung-chi, paid a visit of inspection to the aviation field at Taishatau, where the activities of the Air and Armoured Force Administration are concentrated.

Upon arriving at headquarters, Governor Hu and General Hsu were received by Chief Officer matters, in the absence of Mr. Eugene Chen, the director of the Air Administration.

After the workshop and sheds in the aviation field, were gone over by the visitors, the fleet of aeroplanes were lined up for inspection and review. The force of Chinese aviators and pilots also paraded. Those young men have been constantly on the job and receiving intensive training at the hands of German and Russian experts, who are veterans and "aces" of the European war.

Each Chinese aviator and pilot went through various exercises and demonstrations with their respective machines. The facility and ease with which they handled their machines, taking off and landing without the slightest difficulty, greatly impressed the distinguished visitors. Each of the machines that went up the air performed the usual daring "stunts" looping the loop and inscribing all sorts of circles; besides giving demonstrations of military operations.

Flights at various speeds were made over the city and before long, Governor Hu and General Hsu were as enthusiastic as the professionals on the subject of aviation. Thereupon the acting director, Mr. Lee Mei, invited them to take an air trip and, nothing loth, they readily consented.

Governor Hu and General Hsu went up in separate aeroplanes and were piloted all over the city limits, enabling them to obtain a remarkable view of the city from the air. Upon landing both agreed that they had an exhilarating and thrilling experience.

SHAMEEN SPORT.**GOLF AND FOOTBALL.**

On Sunday last, at the Tung-shan golf course, the final of the Captain's Cup was decided over 36 holes stroke play. The winner, Mr. H. H. Prosser, had matters very much his own way and won comfortably by eight holes up and six to play. His opponent, Lt. Col. R. M. Crosse, put up an excellent fight, but his struggles were unavailing against the brilliance of Mr. Prosser. All through the Competition Mr. Prosser has been playing brilliant golf: he won his first match against Mr. A. L. Scott by 8 up and six to play; he then defeated Mr. Exel by 7 up and 5 to play, and finally he emerged the victor against Colonel Crosse by the above-mentioned margin.

Colonel Crosse put up a gallant fight in the earlier rounds of the competition, succeeding rather unexpectedly against Mr. H. M. Stratton by 5 up and 4 to play, and then beating Mr. J. T. Smith by 5 up and 3 to play. One sympathises with Colonel Crosse for the heavy defeat which he suffered and may he have all success in the following year.

HONG FOURSOMES.

The Hong foursomes, to be played on the above links are due to begin on the 22nd February. A good entry is expected and some spirited golf will be seen before the Hong Championship will be settled.

FOOTBALL.

A match has been arranged between the Hongkong Football Club and the Shameen Sports Club. It will take place at the end of this month and the Shameen Sports Club stand a good chance of defeating the Hongkong team.

A friendly game between the H. M. S. "Tarantula" and the Customs Recreation Club Football teams will take place at 4.15 on Thursday. The Tarantula are very keen on avenging their defeat of 4-2 registered against them some ten days ago. However, it is considered that the O. R. C. stand a good chance of keeping their flag flying—Canton Gazette.

WHEAT SHORTAGE.**ITS EFFECT IN HONGKONG.**

In common with other places, Hongkong has experienced another increase in the cost of living, owing to the rise in the price of flour. This is traced, in part, to a bigger demand from Europe, where disappointing crops of wheat have created an abnormal demand for supplies of American and Canadian wheat. Hongkong dealers are consequently advised to obtain all the stocks they require as present conditions in the trade are such that an improvement in the situation cannot be expected for at least a year.

Hongkong derives its flour supplies principally from California and Oregon and an idea of the increase in the price of flour may be gained from the fact that since last June, the price has gone up fully 70 per cent.

A letter received by a local firm of flour dealers from Oregon states that on account of the high prices paid elsewhere, it is very difficult to sell any flour to the Far East, at present. The market is very "bullish" and unless the Canadian crop is better than it looks at present, wheat will be seen going up at last 25 cents gold per barrel more. The Canadian crop this year is estimated at 150 million bushels less than last year, and with the dry weather now being experienced in that country, Canada is liable to find herself 200 million bushels below the production of last year. Crops in other countries are also short, and the position is certainly grave.

It is not possible to estimate the Colony's consumption of flour, as supplies also go to Canton, Macao and other places. The demand from Chinese consumers arises from a preference for this staple for the making of noodles, cakes, etc. That the pinch is being felt here is seen in the increase in the price of bread.

RUSSO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.**Hopeful Outlook Predicted.**

The Russo-Japanese Agreement, an outline of which is published in another column, was signed after months of hard work on the part of the members of the conference, comments the North China Standard, which continues: Although it still requires ratification it can truly be said that its conclusion marks an epoch in the history of the Far East. As various details remain to be settled by later discussions definite judgment cannot be passed at present, but so much can be said that the treaty breathes a spirit of mutual goodwill and friendship. Consequently both parties to the treaty can be congratulated upon their achievement, and if the details which still await settlement can be disposed of in the same way, a great step forward will have been done in the direction of binding the two neighbouring nations together with strong bonds of friendship.

Outwardly the agreement consists of a set of six documents the contents of which however, can be divided into three distinct parts, namely (1) political intercourse, (2) economical intercourse, and, (3) spiritual intercourse. The first deals with the re-establishment of the old-established friendly relations between two equals, the second fixes the relations between the nationals of the two countries with regard to trade and commerce, and the third recognizes that, although there is a vast difference between the two nations as to their constitutions and political views, both have the perfect right to regulate their lives according to their own convictions but, at the same time, agree to respect the views of the other.

The latter is a most important item for, while the two first points can easily be fixed and regulated by putting them in black and white the third presupposes sincerity of mind and the inward determination to avoid all that is contrary to the spirit of the agreement. On the part of the Japanese nation we can promise strict adherence to the stipulations of the treaty because Japanese are not apt to press their political views upon others. Although themselves thoroughly monarchial they recognize that other nations may be as well or even better off under another form of government. There is, therefore, no need on the part of the Russians to fear that the Japanese will try to interfere with their political institutions. As to the Russians we hope that they will live up to the spirit of

CONRAD'S CARLIST DAYS.**Novelist's Gun-Running Adventure.**

As told by Conrad—and the writer must have heard all his Conrad's stories five times and favourite ones much more often—the Carlist adventure (says Mr. Ford in the Transatlantic Review) was as follows:—

At the date of his leaving the French service the Carlist War was being desultorily waged in the North of Spain. The cause of the Carlists sufficiently appealed to Conrad: it was Legitimist; it was picturesque and carried on with at least some little efficiency. It offered at any rate a chance of adventure. In company with like-minded friends, then, Conrad set to work at providing rifles for the army of the Pretender. They purchased a small, fast-sailing ship—the Tremolino, beautiful name. And of all the craft on which Conrad sailed this was the most beloved by him. In our early days her name was seldom off his tongue and, when he mentioned her, his face lit up. Nay, it lit up before he mentioned her, the smile coming, before the name to his lips.

The writer never heard, in those days what make of ship she was. He was expected to know that; Conrad would say: "You know how the Tremolino used to come round. . . . So the writer imagined her as a felucca, with high, bowed, white sails against storm-clouds and rust-coloured cliffs. She was the beautiful ship—as Turgenyev was the beautiful Russian genius.

HOW IT WAS DONE.
Facing up and down Conrad would relate how they ran those rifles. The method was this: They would load the Tremolino, at Marseilles, with oranges, bound ostensibly for Bordeaux or any up-channel port. Thus, "if any Spanish gunboat accosted us we would have a perfectly good bill of lading. Out in the Channel we would meet a British schooner and, throwing the oranges overboard, we would load up with rifles. . . . Those particular sentences, with the slightly unusual use of the word "would," Conrad never varied. . . . He would have begun his story emotionally, with such historic explanations as his hearers seemed to need. Then he would come to the Tremolino and his face would light up. This emotion would last him for a minute or two. At, as it were the angle where Spain turns down from France in the Mediterranean, as if the Tremolino had got thus far and was just going through the blue water with her burden of oranges, he would render his voice dry to say either. The method was this. . . . Or: "Our modus operandi was as follows. . . . And then, after taking a breath: "Out in the Channel we. . . . He would then go on to explain the necessities they had when making that landfall. "You could bribe any Spanish guarda-costa on land with a few pesetas or a bottle or two of rum. . . . but the officers of the gunboats that patrolled the coast were incorruptible. . . .

So one night the landlord of the inn omitted to show the agreed-on light. He was drunk. In the morning we saw a Spanish gunboat steaming back towards and forwards in the narrow offing. The bay was a funnel, like this. . . . We ran the Tremolino on a rock, set fire to her. Swam ashore and got some up-country clothes for a disguise, and got back to Marseilles as best we could. Penniless. Without a penny."

BANDITS LOOT TOWN.**Troops Sent After Them.**

The town of Tushihkou, 90 miles north-east of Suahwafu, was taken by 500 bandits at noon on the 17th and subsequently looted, according to information received yesterday, says the Peking Leader of Jan. 23. The town was looted of all carts and valuables on the 17th and during the morning of the 18th, whereupon the bandits departed on the afternoon of the 18th with their loot.

The country round about Tushihkou being mountainous, there was no difficulty in the way of their escape. Government offices had also been robbed. Troops are said to have been sent from Suahwafu to suppress the bandits, but there is little hope of results. Tushihkou is an important trading city with Inner Mongolia.

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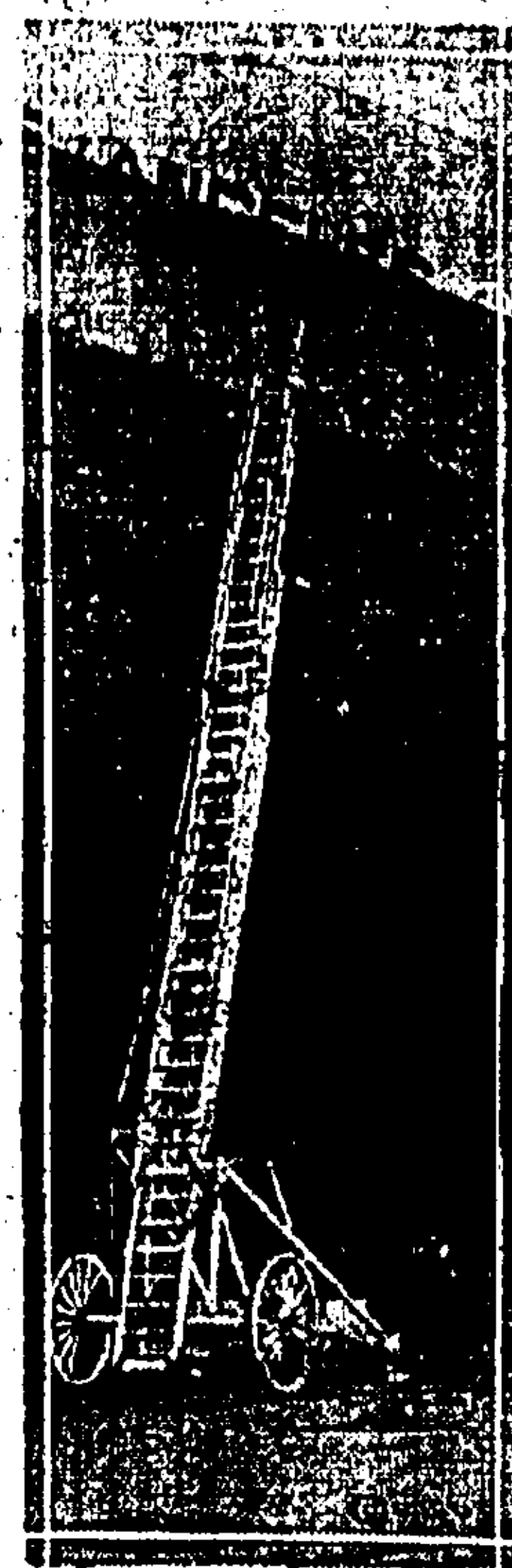
CURRENT PICTORIAL NEWS.



"Pock" Pickering, of Pittsburgh, Pa., just couldn't refrain from exhibiting his joy when he hit the warm beach in Florida, and thought of the freezing people at home. So he performed this back-flip in a dry high dive, using the sand for landing purposes.



Samuel M. Gompers was accorded statesman's honors on his last return to Washington. On the arrival of the funeral train, the casket was taken into the President's room at the union station, then placed on a gun caisson and taken to the American Federation of Labour building. Cavalrymen led the cortege. Relatives and close friends viewed the remains and then the public was admitted. Hundreds, from government officials down to humble workingmen, called to pay their respects to the memory of the deceased Labour leader.



The ZR-3, flown over from Germany to the United States, has been named Los Angeles. A sailor in the hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., dwarfed against the great Zeppelin, is shown painting on the new name.



Golfing at the southern and Pacific coast resorts this winter has an international flavour. George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, noted Britishers, are invading the States for a three-months' campaign. Duncan is called England's leading stylist, now that Vardon has passed from the front ranks. Mitchell is one of the game's longest drivers. They are playing in the winter tournaments as well as in matches against Hagen, Walker, Sarazen and other top-notchers. Mitchell is seen on the left and Duncan on the right.



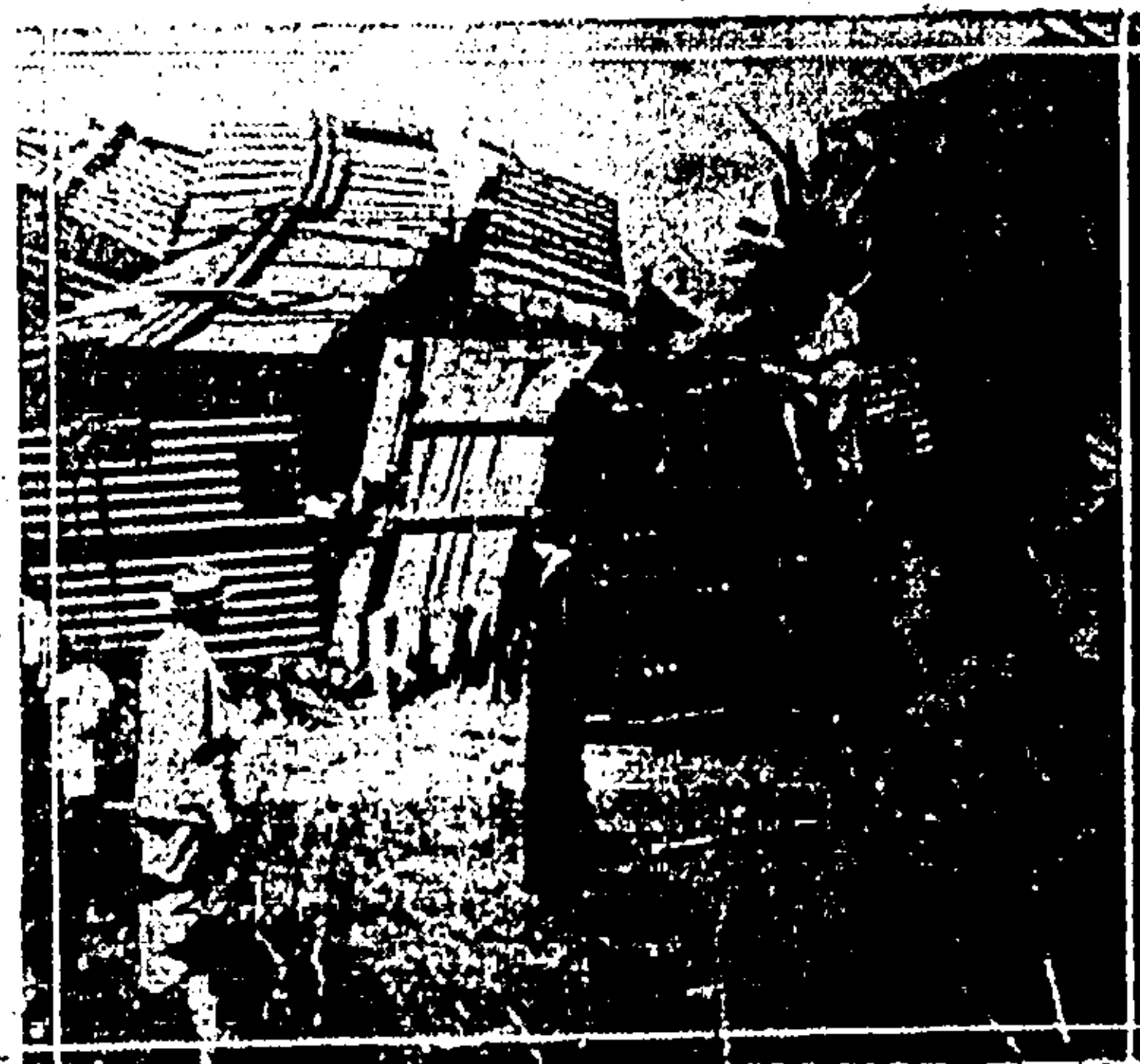
Harry A. Dayton, U. S. Vice-Consul at Belgrade who was shot and seriously wounded by Anna Usupaitis, beautiful Lithuanian girl, who committed suicide by cutting her wrist arteries.



Eugene Browster, a New York publisher who has figured in the news through divorce proceedings, sails to Bermuda, accompanied by Corliss Palmer, winner of a beauty contest conducted by one of his magazines.



Captain James Charles Arthur, former Aide-de-Camp to Rajah Sir Hari Singh, the "Mr. A" in the sensational London blackmail trial, will not be extradited from Paris. The magistrate hearing the case has ordered his trial in France on a charge of receiving stolen property.



Football players never piled up higher than these 22 freight cars, wrecked near Charlotte, N. C. The first car tripped on a small bit of metal, and the others landed pell-mell on top.



Mix Jerome Phaff, a young New York lawyer accused of piracy on the high seas in connection with rum-running enterprises, is here seen landing back home on 5,000 francs bail, pending the completion of his trial in a French court.

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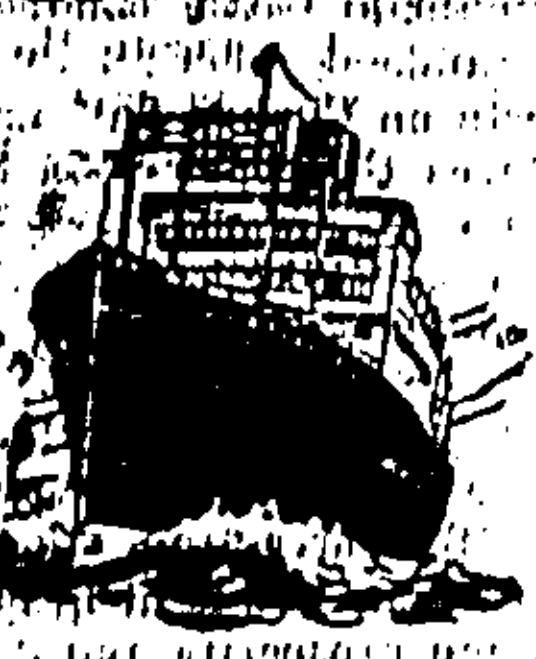
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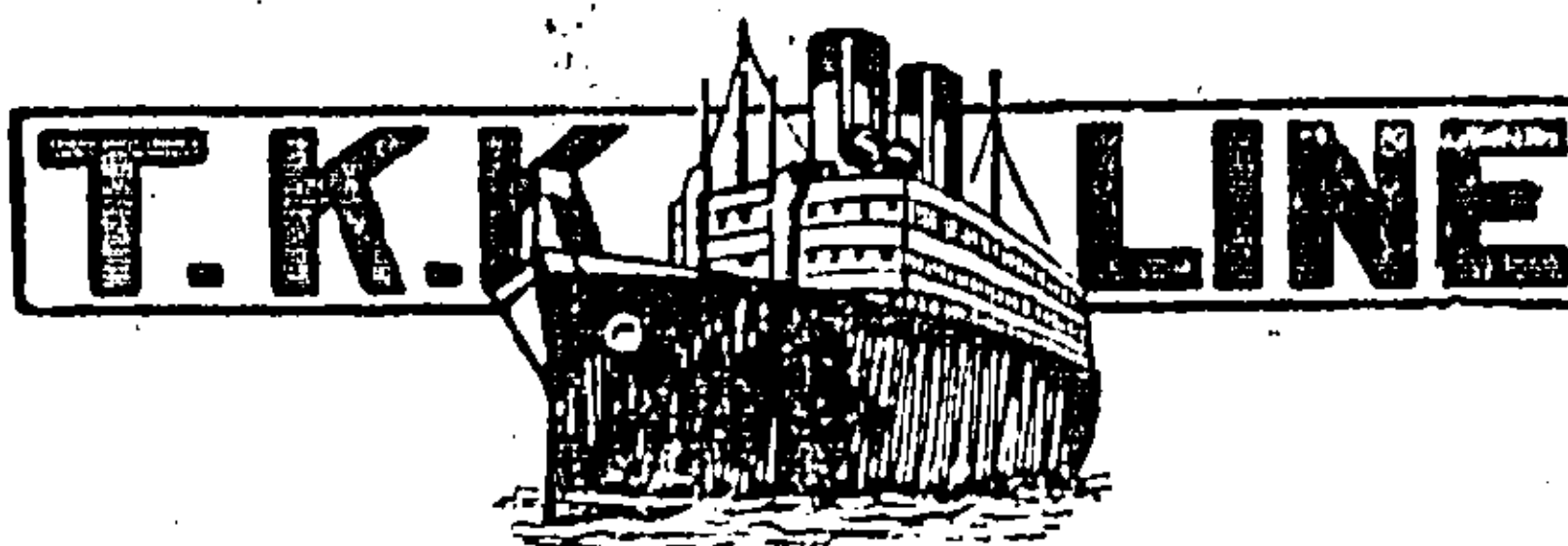
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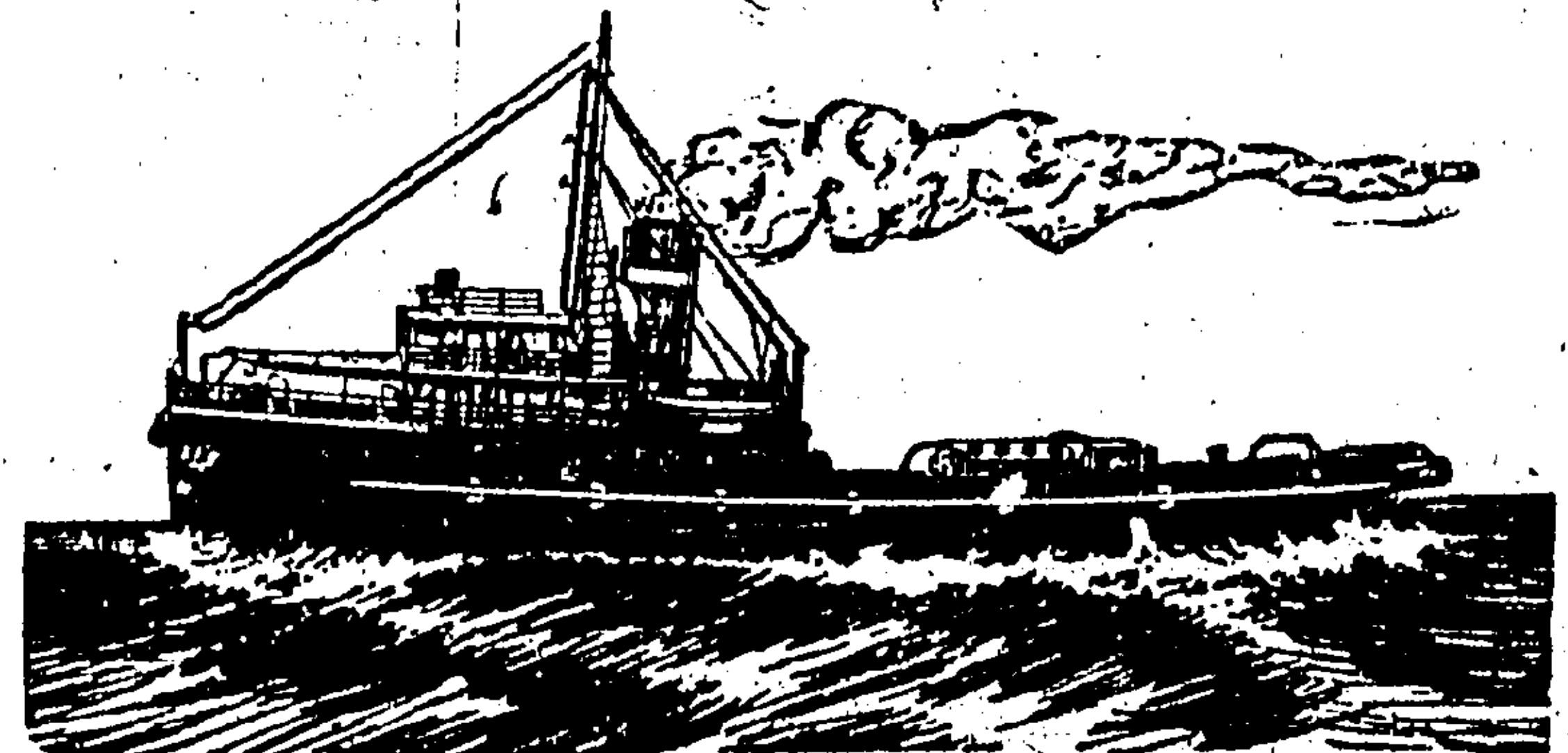
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DO-GLA	8,083	8th Feb 10 A.M.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
GARDINIA	6,684	19th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,963	21st Feb.	M'les, L'don, Hull & Antwerp
MAJWA	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
JALFA	6,696	11th Mar.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
SUDAN	9,005	18th Mar.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Mar.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,613	31st Mar.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
WANTUA	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KARNALA	9,088	18th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
GARDINIA	6,684	16th May	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MAGOGA	6,854	16th May	Marseilles & London
SUDAN	6,696	28th May	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
MOREA	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

YALWA	10,000	7th Feb. 1 p.m.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
SILAWA	8,500	16th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
YALAWA	8,500	25th Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

GANDA	6,956	28th Feb.	Manila, S'kan, Thursday Is.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

YALWA	10,911	6th Feb. 4 P.M.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
WANDA	6,956	7th Feb. D.L.	Moji & Kobe
YALWA	7,916	12th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SUDAN	6,696	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MAJWA	7,913	24th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
WANTUA	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	7th Mar.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SICILIA	6,613	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
YALWA	6,949	10th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
KIRALIA	9,098	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.

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GLENUGLE	19th Feb.	PE. BUKKESH Re	5th March
GLENSHANE	10th March.	L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran.	
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ANGERS	12th Feb.	16th Mar.	15th Apr.
PAUL LECAT	26th Feb.	3th Mar.	25th Apr.

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violin can play it. The writer,
who has heard nearly all the
great virtuosos at various
times, especially admired
his wonderfully pure intonation
and his amazing Sons Harmoni-
ques (Flageolottes) and states
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violinist he has ever heard who
can play the most difficult har-
moniques faultlessly and at the
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the left hand by Schorapin. Her
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insurpassable.

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The programme for to-night is
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Violin Solo, "Variations Corelli"
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(Kreidler)—Melsa.

Song, Flower song from Car-
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Pianoforte Solo, Libostrum
(Liszt), Spanish Dance (Albeniz).
—Dorothy Dawson Campbell.

Songs, "To Daisies" (Roger
Quilter), "Longin' for you"
(Howard Fisher)—Herbert Cave.
Sonata for Violin and
Pianoforte, first movement
Kreutzer Sonata (Beethoven).
Melsa and Dorothy Dawson
Campbell.

Songs, "When Shadows
Gather" (Charles Marshall).
—Herbert Cave.

Violin Solo, "Caprice Viennois"
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SELLING.		Yok.	
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Mark	10 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. France	10 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Germany	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Japan	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. New York	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Bombay	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Calcutta	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Madras	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Rangoon	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Hongkong	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Shanghai	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Hankow	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Tientsin	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Peking	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Harbin	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Manchuria	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Korea	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. Japan	11 1/2
2 1/2	2 1/2	4 s/a. China	11 1/2
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